



WHO WILL BE NOMINATED?

The Question—Democrats Are Unable to Answer.

The Democratic nominee for governor at the Erie convention is a matter entirely unsettled. With nearly all of the 314 delegates elected, no candidate has anything like a majority of instructed delegates. Ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison, of Philadelphia, has a total of 61 in nineteen counties, leading others in that respect, but there is doubt if he can secure the support of the delegation from his home city.

Second to Pattison in the number of delegates openly pledged to him is Geo. W. Guthrie, of Pittsburgh. Guthrie instructions have been voted to the thirteen Allegheny delegates and to the one from Indiana. The Pittsburgh man is a widely-known ballot reformer and has stood close to Guffey in local campaigns.

Cambria county's nine delegates are instructed for Warren Worth Bailey, editor of the Johnstown Democrat, and a personal friend of Colonel William J. Bryan.

The six delegates from Dauphin county, whose seats are contested, are instructed for Mayor Vance C. McCormick, of Harrisburg. Centre county's four delegates are instructed for Colonel John A. Woodward, of Howard. The delegate from Sullivan county is under instructions for Colonel Guffey.

The counties, and the delegates to which each is entitled, which have been instructed for Pattison, are: Bedford 3; Berks, 11; Chester, 3; Crawford, 3; Cumberland, 5; Erie, 2; Fulton, 1; Lackawanna, Second district, 4; Lawrence, 1; Mercer, 3; Millin, 2; Montour, 2; Northumberland, 8; Perry, 2; Snyder, 1; Union, 1; Venango, 1; Wyoming, 2, and York, 10.

Primaries for the election of State delegates will be held on June 21, in Butler, Clarion and Clearfield counties in which the combined number of delegates is 12.

Huntingdon's two delegates will probably vote for Henry J. McAlister, former Naval Officer of the Philadelphia port, who was the first avowed candidate to enter the field.

The Erie convention will have to deal with the dispute over the number of delegates to which Philadelphia is entitled. Chairman Creasy has ruled that the Quaker City can have but 29, or one each in the 28 Legislative districts, except the Twenty-second, with two. Creasy, in this calculation, refuses to make any allowance for the big Democratic vote cast for the straight fusion ticket.

Philadelphians claim they are entitled to 60 delegates, who have been elected, and a demand will be made that they be seated.

State Chairman Creasy says the Erie convention will be a representative Democratic gathering, and that the attendance will be unusually large. He will go to Erie next week to complete preliminary arrangements.

LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Mott, of Leroy, Bradford county, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Runkle, of the Centre Hall hotel. While here they drove to Penns Cave, and returned perfectly delighted with the beauties of the cavern.

The members of Progress Grange graded the front of the surroundings of Grange Arcadia. The ladies also turned out, and served their better halves with good things at meal hours. The ground used in filling up was secured from a high place in Grange Park.

Gurney Smith, son of Emanuel Smith, and a member of the order of C. M. A., of Potters Mills, was a caller Saturday on business relating to the order, which is composed of many of the best young men in that district. At their festival the other Saturday night the receipts netted over \$32.00, out of which Penn Hall band received a share for the splendid entertainment furnished by them.

Keep in mind the festival in Grange Arcadia Saturday evening. The proceeds are for the benefit of the hall fund. The hall is a great credit to the town, and is given for entertainments, etc., at such liberal rates that none should hesitate to give their support to the festival, the proceeds of which will be used to lessen the indebtedness of the same.

Scribner's Magazine for June shows, in a striking manner, both the progress of the times due to the latest advances in knowledge and a wealth of original literary material,—notably the two great series by the leading American writers, Richard Harding Davis and F. Hopkinson Smith. These two stories, which reach the highest mark in the achievement of each writer, are entirely different in scope and treatment. One is a story of adventure and the other is a romance of arctic life in New York.

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THE RAIN.

Crop Prospects Between Centre Hall and Philadelphia.

Copious rains have fallen within the past ten days in Central and Eastern Pennsylvania, which has caused farm crops to take new vigor and strive to develop nearer to perfection before the time for ingathering.

The corn crop has not passed that stage when any intelligent idea can be given as to the yield. The set is fairly good, and where that has been obtained in June, it remains for the conditions in July and August to determine the corn crop. At present the outlook, generally speaking, is very hopeful. The same may be said of potatoes.

The wheat fields along the railroad between the points given above, might be marked at sixty per cent. The wheat crop at this season of the year is difficult to judge, because one stalk has the hiding power of considerable surface. Sixty per cent. has been arrived at as a tentative estimate from observations made within the past few days in connection with comparison of conditions earlier in the season. The crop is everywhere short in the straw.

The oats crop can scarcely be anything else than a miserable failure. The stalks are only about a finger's length in Penns Valley, and the conditions vary very little on the fertile farms of Lancaster county.

The grass fields, like the oats fields, are a sorry-looking spectacle. The early spring weather was very favorable to this particular crop, but the rains ceased just when the grass needed moisture the most. Hay making is in progress on some of the notable Cameron farms east of Harrisburg, but the yield is very poor. The white-washed fences and the immense yawning barns, and the splendid riggings that are used to gather the sickly-looking hay cocks. Wild fancies everywhere enter largely into making the crop a bulk. The hay crop in Centre county has a chance to improve; in the east it is made, and the best fields are very short.

MILLIONS FOR FERTILIZERS.

An Opportunity to Feed Cattle at Paying Prices.

Colonel Thomas J. Edge, former secretary of agriculture, says the farmers of Pennsylvania are spending about \$4,740,000 annually for commercial fertilizers. In this respect they are only exceeded by the farmers of Georgia, who expended \$5,768,820 for fertilizers last year, as against \$4,085,020 spent by the farmers of this state.

There has not been a time within the last thirty or more years when it would not pay to feed good cattle for beef. It is true that some seasons the profit was greater than others, but in order to obtain the profit of the business an average must be taken. The better class of animals, those fit for export trade, have always commanded good prices, and will for many years to come.

Much has been said and written about the beef trust increasing the price of beef, and such may have been one of the factors which has produced the increase in prices which we now meet with, but the fact remains that good animals have each year for the last eight or ten years been becoming scarcer and scarcer, and are not now to be had in numbers sufficient to supply the demands of the markets.

This will most likely continue for several years, as the supply of cattle cannot be increased much under two or three years.

Marriage Licenses.

Geo. C. Hosterman, Boalsburg. Mary A. Springer, Pottsgrove. James Russell, Snow Shoe. Rebe D. Uzale, Snow Shoe. Harry H. Ryan, Bellefonte. Mary Barber, Oak Hall. J. Frank Bible, Centre Hill. A. Florence Smith, Centre Hill. David T. Shamp, Altoona. Ray Gillin, Altoona. Wm. C. Dawson, Bellefonte. Lizzie Milligan, Hollidaysburg.

DEATHS.

JOHN W. DUNKLEBARGER. John W. Dunkleberger, one of Pleasant Gap's most highly respected and industrious citizens, died at his home in that place Wednesday of last week, after a very short illness. He had enjoyed his usual health until the day previous and then while walking down the street to visit a neighbor was suddenly stricken with paralysis from which he never regained consciousness. He was a native of Perry county and had been a resident of Pleasant Gap for fifty-three years. He was a member of the Lutheran church and is survived by five children; Grant, Harry, Catharine, Lillian, and Mrs. Fred Shriver.

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LIGHTNING STRUCK RESIDENCE.

A Severe Storm Passes Over the County, About Lock Haven.

A heavy thunder storm passed over the country about Lock Haven Saturday night. Residences in the upper end of Lock Haven seemed to be a special mark for the lightning. James McNorvey's house on South Jones street was struck, the cornice being torn off by the bolt. The house of Mr. Dougherty on the top of the hill was also visited. Mrs. Dougherty was slightly shocked. In Mrs. Mader's house the lightning flew down the chimney and made the griddles on the stove dance and threw one or two off on to the floor. O. C. Willow's residence was struck, but no damage was done. The house of Engineer Keiler, Fairview street, but nothing serious resulted. In all of these a stifling sulphurous smoke filled the rooms, and soot from the chimneys was scattered over the furniture and carpets.

The house of W. I. Harvey, of Flemington, was twice struck by lightning. The barn of Temple C. Smith, at Beech Creek, was struck. Three valuable horses that were in the barn were instantly killed. Mr. Smith also states that the barn was considerably damaged.

The house occupied by Frank Rossman, between Lamar and Clintondale, was struck, the bolt entering the gable near the roof and passing down the chimney to the cellar. Ten people were in the house, all of whom were more or less shocked. Miss Rose Weaver, of Salona, who was sitting within a few feet of the stove, was so severely stunned that it was several hours before she fully recovered. Mrs. Griebel felt for a short time as though she had been paralyzed and Mrs. Will's dress was torn in several places. The damage to the house was slight.

During the storm early Friday morning the house of Torrence Kessinger at Salona was struck by lightning. Mrs. Kessinger was up at the time putting down the windows. When the roof caught fire, Mr. Kessinger, with presence of mind, directed Mrs. Kessinger to take the children by the hand down stairs. He then procured buckets of water and hurried to the attic and extinguished the flames. Fortunately, the heavy rain prevented the flames from burning on the outside, but they were making considerable headway on the inside. Mr. Kessinger's coolness, after being awakened in the night to find his house on fire, undoubtedly saved the house from considerable damage.

A quantity of soot which was in the chimney was forced out by the lightning stroke through the pipe hole in the chimney into the dining room. The walls, carpet and furniture were thickly covered.

LOCALS.

Fine growing weather. Rev. W. H. Schuyler went to Millburg Monday.

Clark M. Gramley, the Piano agent, was in town Tuesday.

Joe Runkle, plumber, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday in Centre Hall.

Mrs. B. D. Brislin spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Linnie Kuber.

Christ Keller, of Penn Hall, spent Sunday with his father and brother near this place.

C. B. Houser, near Centre Hall, offers for sale good cider vinegar at twenty cents per gallon; six gallons for \$1.00.

A lawn festival for the benefit of the Methodist church, will be held on the evenings of July 4th and 5th, at Spring Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Cole, and baby boy, of York, are guests of the family of W. H. Meyer and other friends in Centre Hall.

Mrs. G. W. Smith, on June 3, lost a black cape somewhere between Noll's store and the Pleasant Gap railroad station. She will be pleased to receive information from any one who has found it.

The Ojlers Mills band will hold a festival Saturday evening on Zion hill. The band is worthy of the good will of the people of that community, and they can show that good will by exchanging nickles, dimes and quarters for the good things on sale at the festival.

Considerable grading and ditching was done about the Presbyterian church by the members of that organization Thursday of last week. The use of tiling would greatly improve the appearance in that quarter, and no doubt the pride the members have in their church home will ultimately result in having the gutter closed and an almost indestructible water course laid out of sight. The same manner of draining could be utilized in various other sections of town. The appearance and effectual draining would greatly overbalance the additional cost.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Brief Discussion of Political and Other Matters of Public Interest.

Democratic State Chairman Creasy says: "The chances for the election of a Democratic governor were never better. The naming of Judge Pennypacker makes the Democratic chances of success all the brighter. He is the weaker of the two candidates voted on by the Republican delegates at the convention, and his selection makes it all the easier for us."

To vote for Pennypacker and Ballot Reform at the same time vote for a Machine Legislature to defeat Ballot Reform and put graves on the legs of the Executive is the self-stultifying task set before the people of Pennsylvania by the political promoters who are in control of the Republican party. Can the people be fooled all the time by these gamblers?

Ballot Reform is recognized in the Republican Harrisburg platform as the only State issue worth mentioning. It undoubtedly is the issue. It is to be determined by the next Legislature, not by the next Governor. It must, therefore be deemed unfortunate that the Republican party while favoring Ballot Reform in its platform is committed against it in the nomination of Senators and Representatives. The wicked Durham has taken an unfair advantage of Reformer Quay by throttling Ballot Reform in the egg. There is no hope for it unless the voters should spoil his game in the hatching.

Overproduction of oil in Russia has led to great depression in the industry. There is in that country no adequate means of distribution to relieve a glut at the point of production. The owners of flowing oil wells in Texas who could not secure transportation and who were obliged to either provide costly storage or let their oil run away were in a somewhat similar predicament; but Americans are more swift to adapt means to ends. The Russians are under a further comparative disadvantage because of a fixed cash royalty exacted by the government on all oil produced.

Robert E. Pattison twice carried the people to victory in contests against machine misrule in Pennsylvania, and the signs of the times point to him as the most available man in the Democratic party today to lead the people in the conflict now approaching. The ex-Governor is not only popular among the Democratic voters but has demonstrated in the past his ability to draw to his standard the independent Republican votes. He is undoubtedly the strongest candidate the anti machine forces could select as their gubernatorial candidate. Other good Democrats have been mentioned for the nomination, but none of them has the following that Mr. Pattison can command in every part of the state.

The condition in our treaty of peace with Spain to the effect that each Government should satisfy the claims of its own citizens for indemnity growing out of the war in Cuba may prove to have been a costly concession for the United States. In addition to the numerous cases, involving a total of many millions, already submitted to the Spanish Claims Commission at Washington a larger and even more important batch of "American" claims has appeared before the sub-commission at Havana. There are five hundred in the batch, and their demands amount in the aggregate to some \$3,000,000. By the way, has anybody heard of the organization of a Claims Commission by Spain or of the likelihood of her ever being called upon to pay to her subjects one cent of indemnity under the terms of the treaty? Are the Spanish sufferers simply less pugnacious, or are they more patriotic than the American claimants?

Before a Justice.

John Strunk, of near Pleasant Gap, and his neighbor Reuben Houser, last week went before Squire Keshline to settle a dispute, arising from the fact Mr. Houser's cattle broke into a field of grass belonging to Mr. Strunk who set his dogs upon them; this raised the ire of Mr. Houser, and he proceeded to interview Mr. Strunk, using strong arguments, such as stones and knives; he also bit Mr. Strunk on the shoulder. At the same time threatening to have his heart for supper. The witnesses, for the prosecutor, all swore to the same facts, says the Daily News, and it was evident they bore no love toward Mr. Houser. Mr. Houser entered bail for his good behavior, and a jury will finally settle the question of the charge brought against him.

The Growing Crops in France and Germany.

The growing crops in France and Germany have been suffering from excessive cold weather. The month of June has been much like April. In the mountainous region of both countries snow fell for four days prior to the 17th inst. Much of the fruit was destroyed by early frosts, and the wheat and rye, which is now earing, is badly crippled.

D. Olie Stover is a busy man these days, and with all that is growing fat, says, but not ragged. He just stopped painting long enough at W. F. Rebeck's, Tusseyville, to finish odd jobs in Centre Hall, and Tuesday completed papering the sixty-sixth room for this season. After finishing Mr. Rokey's work, which means going over all his buildings, the dwelling houses of Mrs. Myra Kerr and Mrs. Rebecca Sparr, now occupied by Mrs. W. A. Beal, will be repainted.

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MR. CYRUS GROVE.

A portrait is here given of Prof. Cyrus Grove, son of John Grove, of Spring Mills, and brother of W. M. Grove, of Centre Hill. Mr. Grove is the Democratic nominee in Stephenson, county, Illinois, for the office of superintendent of public schools, the election for which office will take place at the general election in November. Mr. Grove is a native of Potter town ship, and is personally acquainted with many who will read this article. He is amply qualified for the position, and there is very good ground to predict that he will be elected. Four years ago he was defeated by a very narrow majority. The county ordinarily is Republican. Success, Mr. Grove.

QUAY STRIKES ADMINISTRATION.

His Announcement That He Will Call Up Statehood Bill Greatly Embarrasses the Administration Senators.

The Republican party in the Senate is threatened with a new trouble exceedingly annoying in its way. This is the determination of Senator Quay and others of his party colleagues to act with the Democrats, if necessary, to secure the passage, at this session, of the House bill admitting the territories of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico to Statehood.

Senator Quay gave notice Tuesday in the Senate that he would call this bill up as soon as the canal question is out of the way, and in doing this he surprised and embarrassed the Republican majority in the Senate.

This statehood bill was one of those passed by the House and marked for defeat by the Senate leaders. It is one of that class of bills which the House rushed through with the understanding that they would get no further, but Senator Quay does not seem to have understood the terms of the unwritten contract. He served notice upon those in charge of the subject in the Senate that there are 19 other Republican Senators pledged to vote with him to pass the statehood bill.

LOCALS.

Harry Cummings, of Linden Hall, will now be found on Rural Route No. 2, Freeport, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Enosh Sweeney, of Boalsburg, paid a visit to Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobs in this place the beginning of this week.

J. Calvin Meyer, Esq., and Robert Hunter, left last week for a two weeks' stay in Missouri and Colorado, where they go to look after mining interests.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Magee, of Philadelphia, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Eberick, near this place. They also stopped with friends in Bellefonte and other points.

Mrs. Samuel S. Kreamer and Mrs. Annie Weaver, of this place, Wednesday went to Johnstown, where they will visit Mrs. S. H. Heckman and family. Mrs. Heckman is a daughter of Merchant W. H. Kreamer, of the firm of Kreamer & Son.

Charles W. Ruble, son of Mrs. Linnie Ruble, of State College, who has been ill since last March, is at present in a very precarious condition. Some weeks ago he had recovered sufficiently to leave his bed, but later the disease broke out anew. Mr. Ruble is one of the most skilled athletes at State and was a junior when he took sick.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Alexander will give a lawn party to their friends to-night (Thursday.)

Messrs. D. J. and John D. Meyer were off this week on a trip to Rebersburg, Lock Haven and Williamsport.

The wooden covered wagon bridge across the Juniata at Millerstown was entirely destroyed by fire last week.

Xavier Gfreer, of near this place, who had not been in the best of health this spring, makes almost daily visits to town.

There is not a better field of wheat to be seen in Lancaster county along the railroad than can be seen quite near to Centre Hall.

Hofer Dale is home from State College. He is now a Senior, and has passed through the first three college years with credit to himself.

W. W. Boob, formerly engaged in business in this place, was in town the latter part of last week, returning to his Cincinnati home Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Park, of this place, Tuesday morning started for E'bridge, New York, the doctor's former home. They will be absent about two weeks.

Dr. J. F. Harter and wife, of Millheim were passengers west Monday morning. The Reporter readers will be glad to know that the revenue collector is able to travel again.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland was given the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence by the Villa Nova College, near Philadelphia. This degree is conferred for the first time in America.

Mrs. William Mohler, of Philadelphia; Miss Hart and Miss Eleanor Hart, of Frankfort, are expected in Centre Hall Tuesday of next week, and will be the guests of Miss Emma McCoy.

At the opening of court at Middleburg Judge H. M. McClure gave strict orders to the tip-staves to exclude from the court room all persons not having a coat on. Judge McClure is evidently opposed to the shirt waist man.

Misses Margery and Jennie Bolander, of Middleburg, are guests of Miss Laura Runkle, daughter of J. W. Runkle in this place. They have been here before, and their former acquaintances are very glad to see them again.

J. B. Kreamer, of Rebersburg, was in town Tuesday, and called around to see old friends. Mr. Kreamer expects his daughter, Mrs. Solly, wife of Rev. David Solly, of Richmond, Va., home the beginning of next week.

C. E. McJellon, of Millheim, passed through Centre Hall on his way home from Reedsville where he had been engaged in carpenter work for some weeks past. He reports building operations lively about Reedsville and Lewisdown.

Saturday night the North American tannery at East Lewisdown was entered by burglars and finding the safe not locked they opened the money drawers. Securing no money they ransacked the fire insurance papers over the floor in a desecrated, doing no damage.

Mrs. H. E. Shreckengast found a purse containing about three dollars in the Union church, Farmers Mills, after the funeral services for Mrs. McClintic. Announcement of the find was made from the pulpit the following Sunday, but so far no claimant has appeared.

S. D. Wynn, who some years ago was a fireman on the freight in charge of Conductor Allison, is now conductor on a freight between Renovo and Sunbury, on the R. and O. Saturday he was called to Pittsburgh on account of an injury received by his brother in a railroad wreck.

The Re-formed church was beautifully decorated Sunday morning, the occasion of the Children's services. As is always the case, the children acquitted themselves with credit and furnished both amusement and Christian instruction during the hour covered by the service.

Mrs. Joshua T. Potter gave a little party Friday evening in honor of her sister, Mrs. Hayes, of Watonsontown. Although Mrs. Potter a short time ago had her arm broken near the wrist, no one would have suspected the injury on this occasion, but for the slight she was as lively and jolly as ever.

Book agents are almost as plentiful as were the caterpillars a short time ago. Of course, they are not as distasteful as the caterpillar, but they should not be permitted to weave a tiny web around school boards by presenting books, pencils, etc. School books should be selected on their merits, regardless of anything else.