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ROBERT E. PATTISON.

CHOSEN ON FIRST BALLOT TO HEAD DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

At one of the largest and most enthusiastic Democratic State conventions ever held, Robert E. Pattison, of Philadelphia, was yesterday, Wednesday, at Erie again chosen to lead the Democratic forces to victory next November. There were three avowed candidates for the nomination, Pattison, Guthrie, of Pittsburg, and Kerr, of Clearfield, but the enviable record made by Pattison during his two terms of office as Governor, his honesty and straightforwardness of character, his popularity and strength in the country districts of the state, and his ability to unite all factions of the party made him the choice of the delegates.

George W. Guthrie, of Pittsburg, was nominated for Lieutenant Governor, and James Nolan, of Reading, for Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Mr. Guthrie is well known in Pennsylvania Democratic politics as the advocate of ballot reform and sound, clean politics. Last year Mr. Guthrie was made chairman of the Democratic city committee of Pittsburg, and took an active part in the Citizens' campaign last spring, and was largely instrumental in breaking the hold of the Quay-Stone-Elkin ring had on Pittsburg's Councils. This led to the suggestion that he be the candidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Nolan, of Reading, although never holding public office, has always taken a deep interest in the success of his party. He is known as a true, honest business man of the kind needed at Harrisburg just now.

The principal contest at the convention was whether twenty-nine or sixty delegates from Philadelphia should be seated. The convention by a vote of 220 to 94 sustained Chairman Crespy in his assignments of 29 delegates to the city. It was a fight between the cities and the country in which the country districts won.

The patriotic feature of the gathering became manifest when the band played "My country, 'tis of thee." As soon as the first strains of the anthem were sounded the delegates, occupants of the galleries and those on the stage arose and sang the first verse with a glorious volume of melody. The effect was inspiring and the incident aroused much enthusiasm that bore no relation to candidates or any of the other issues before the convention.

The Democratic party of Pennsylvania, strictly adhering to state issues, repeats and reaffirms all of the statements, promises and declarations of purpose contained in the platform of its State convention of 1901, and at its convention Wednesday adopted a strong platform, the substance of which is:

Honesty in State Government.
No barter of public franchises.
No pinching legislation.
A uniform primary election law and personal registration in all the cities of the Commonwealth, with free, equal and secret ballot.
Equal protection to capital and labor.
Every honest citizen desiring to see this great Commonwealth recovered from the hands of political grabbers can conscientiously vote for the above ticket and platform.

CENTRE AT THE CONVENTION.

The Centre county delegation, thirty-six strong started for Erie from Bellefonte on Monday evening in the special Pullman car "Clifton Forge." On each side of the car was a banner the full length of the car with the inscription "For Governor, Col. John A. Woodward, of Centre." The members of the delegation will make the car their headquarters during their stay at Erie. The delegation is composed of some of the best Democrats in the county and well represents this part of the state.

The fact that Centre's Democrats were going in a special Pullman car attracted almost as much attention in Bellefonte as a good sized circus would in this town. Everybody, from the street urchin to leaders of the Republican party were down to see them off. They expect to return in the same car this Thursday evening. Those who went to the nomination of the next governor of Pennsylvania are:

John Kall, J. I. Springer, Bellefonte; M. R. McDowell, State College; John P. Johnson, Millport; delegates: Hanson Fechter, L. A. Schaeffer, C. Y. Wagner, F. E. Nazinger, Joseph Rightmire, Jerru Donovan, James Schofield, P. Gray Mack, W. Miles Walker, M. L. Gardner, John J. Bowser, Ellis L. Orvis, F. P. Blair, W. C. Brinley, Bellefonte; J. G. Dauberman, David J. Meyer, Ron. L. Home, H. W. Smith, Centre Hill; W. F. Smith, F. H. Mouser, Millheim; John Smith, W. H. Smith, Spring Mills; W. H. Noll, J. H. Cori Pleasant Gap; A. Weber, Mr. Muller, H. A. Moore, Rothrock Gardner, Howard; Dr. J. I. Robinson, Dr. L. F. Reber, John T. McCord, State College; Ellis Shaffer, Millersburg.

The management of the car and assignment of berths was in charge of Frank P. Blair.

CLEVELAND OUT OF THE LISTS.

Ever since arrangements were completed for the opening of the handsome new Tilden headquarters in New York and it was announced that ex-President Grover Cleveland had accepted an invitation to address the guests there have been persistent rumors that the occasion would be turned into a presidential nominating convention of Tildenites, at whose hands Mr. Cleveland would be beneficiary. The ex-President attended the banquet, as arranged, and made one of his well-known carefully prepared and dignified addresses. He was the most conspicuous figure of the evening, although there were many Democrats present whose names have been known in party councils quite as long as his.

But not only was there no rehearsed "boom" set afoot for Mr. Cleveland's fourth candidacy for the office which he filled so admirably and patriotically twice, but all questions of his ever again cherishing an ambition to reside in the White House were set at rest by himself in that emphatic manner for which he has gained such a world-wide reputation.

Could anyone who knows the man or anything about his positiveness doubt his statement that he has absolutely retired from active political life, when he says so in these decided, Cleveland-like terms:

I believe the times point to another Democratic opportunity as near at hand, but I believe we shall reap the fruits of it only by following the line of conduct I have indicated. In any event I have a comforting and abiding faith in the indestructibility of the party which has so many times shown its right to live and its power for good, and I am sure the reserve of patriotic Democratic wisdom will at some time declare itself in the rescue of our country and our party.

My days of political activity are past; and I shall not hereafter assume to participate in party councils. I am absolutely content with retirement, but I still have one burning, anxious inspiration. I want to see before I die the restoration to perfect health and supremacy of that Democracy whose mission it is to bless the people—a Democracy true to itself—untempted by clamor—unmoved by the guests of popular passion—and uncorrupted by offers of strange alliance—the Democracy of safety—the Democracy of Tilden, and the Democracy that deserves and wins success.

Another Horse Sale.

The horse sale of J. B. Gentzel, at Millheim, Friday was well attended. The report is that this was one of the finest car loads of horses that was ever sold in the town. A average price \$158-03. This is the 5th car load that Mr. Gentzel has disposed of in Millheim.

Accidentally Spilled Boiling Coffee.
On last Thursday a little daughter of Wm. H. Lingle, who lives on Dr. Lee's farm near Centre Hill, while carrying a coffee-pot of boiling coffee accidentally spilled it over her little ten-month-old sister. The baby was severely scalded on its left side and is still in a dangerous condition.

Fire Insurance Company Meets.
The meeting of the directors of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance company met in Centre Hall on Monday. No business of importance was transacted as no fires have occurred since the last meeting. The following directors were present:

Joseph Boltorf, H. C. Campbell, J. G. Bailey, G. F. Muser, F. M. Fisher, Frank McFarlane, J. R. Brungart, H. E. Dusk, D. F. Lise, Z. D. Thomas, Fred Kurtz, Geo. B. Haines.

For the Improvement of the Town.
Two weeks ago a notice signed by order of the council appeared in these columns relative to the trees being trimmed to a height of eight feet from the pavement. So far only one or two property owners have acceded to the wishes of the borough dads. The people have not done their duty. In the order the council said if the trees were not trimmed by the owner within ten days they would be trimmed by the proper officer at the expense of the owner. Fourteen days have elapsed. Will the council do its duty?

Increased Salaries.
The school directors of Tyrone township, Blair county, have increased the salaries of their teachers. Experience was considered the important essential and was made the basis of salary. Male teachers beginning are to receive, \$38 per month; with one year's experience, \$39; two years' experience, \$40; three years, \$41, and four years, \$42 the maximum. Female teachers begin with \$35 and grade same way to \$40. They also decided that compulsory attendance begin with the first month of school, that is that parents start their children of this age at the opening of the term.

FORTY OLEO SUITS PENDING.

Department at Harrisburg Issues Its Second Bulletin.

The second bulletin issued by the Dairy and Food Department shows that of 438 samples of butter analyzed during the six months ending December 31 last 164 were pure, 191 adulterated and 83 contained a preservative. Three of the six samples of cheese analyzed were below standard. Of the 293 samples of milk tested 229 were pure, 40 were adulterated and 23 contained a preservative. Eight out of twenty-one samples of vinegar were adulterated.

The department has its hands full prosecuting offenders against the pure food laws. Fourteen suits were brought under the oleo act of 1899, and fifty-seven under the act of 1901, and of these thirty-one were pushed to a termination and forty are pending. Other cases brought were five against renovator butter offenders, fifty adulterated milk cases, 106 pure food cases.

King's Coronation Postponed.

The coronation of King Edward VII, of England, has been postponed indefinitely. The king was compelled to submit to an operation for perilymphitis. It is privately admitted that his condition is serious, but hopes are now entertained that he may recover, as he is able to take some nourishment and has gained strength.

All the festivities have been declared at an end and all troops ordered home. The decorations have all been torn down and London is sad over the illness of the king.

The King is much worried over the prophecy made a long time ago that he would become king but would never be crowned. The whole civilized world has been aroused to sympathy by the sad event, and prayers are being offered over the whole land for the speedy recovery of England's popular monarch.

DEATH.

DANIEL SNYDER.

Daniel G. Snyder, of Sunbury, died on Tuesday night at his home. Mr. Snyder was well known throughout this county, as he was a traveling salesman through this territory for the past ten or twelve years. Beginning at the very bottom, he gradually worked himself up until he was a third partner, then half partner of the firm for which he traveled. For the past few years he was sole owner of a store in Sunbury.

WILLIAM KLINE.

William Kline, a highly respected citizen of Boggs township, died at the home of his son-in-law, Edward Irvin, at McCoy's works, on Thursday morning of last week. Mr. Kline was aged about seventy years and for forty years had been employed by the firm of McCoy & Linn. He was an honest and industrious man and was esteemed by all who knew him. His wife and several grown children survive him.

HILLEN WAGNER.

Helen, the three-month-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Wagner, of Glasgow, Cambria county, died on Monday morning, of inflammation of the bowels. The funeral services were held Wednesday.

The Panama Route Chosen.

By a decisive vote the United States Senate decided that the Panama route is preferable to the Nicaragua. It is hardly probable that the House will enter any serious objections, except that the canal be begun within twelve months.

A Curtin Statue in Harrisburg.

The Harrisburg Patriot is advocating the erection of a statue of ex-Governor Curtin in front of the 10th ward school building at Harrisburg. The school building is located directly in the centre of Camp Curtin, the concentration point of Pennsylvania's troops during the Civil War.

Postal Telegraph Company.

Negotiations have been finally concluded whereby the Postal Telegraph company will secure the 3,500 offices and all the lines owned by the Pennsylvania railroad now operated by the Western Union. The Postal will take possession of the offices on January 1, 1903. This deal will deprive the Western Union of its chief outlets west and south in addition to the 3,500 feeders that cost little or nothing to maintain.

Marriage Licenses.

William P. Weaver, Sunbury; Esther Stuever, Millersburg; George W. Bright, Armstrong; Kate E. Weaver, Armstrong; Alvin E. Stevens, Ellensburg; Jennie Stover, Centre Hill; William R. Bray, Bethlehem, Pa.; Sara Meyer, Centre Hill; Henry R. Keeler, Pennsboro, Pa.; Mary E. Meyer, Centre Hill; John T. Meryman, Hannah; Mollie Neahood, Warriors Mark; Franklin B. Root, Rebersburg; Minnie E. Smith, Rebersburg; Frederick E. Friebe, Millersburg; Susanna V. Wagner, Wingate.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Brief Discussion of Political and Other Matters of Public Interest.

There are twenty-four indictments against several members of a Philadelphia School Board for extortion and general corruption. This is a fearful condition of affairs, and should move the people to the overthrow of a boss system which cares only for the commercialism of public life and would, for gain, pollute the very sanctuary of our hopes—the room of our public schools.

Although opposing the erection of a statue to Robert E. Lee at Washington, at least at present, the Chicago "Tribune" pays the Confederate general a fervid compliment by saying: "General Lee was a great American. Civic and military virtues adorned him. He took up arms against his country, but he did so reluctantly in obedience to his sense of duty. When the issues of war were decided against him he showed himself ever greater in defeat than he had been in victory."

Wages of workmen are being raised with considerable regularity of late, but it is noticeable that the reason given is never "because of continued prosperity," but "because of the high price of living." The trusts have so advanced prices of the necessities of life that in order to keep breath in the workman's body by means of food in the stomach, he simply has to be paid more money. If allowed to starve he could not make money for his employer. Self-interest, and not philanthropy, therefore, inspires the man who pays the wages.

In the battle between the Republican party and the Sugar Trusts thus far the Trusts have had everything their own way. Against the advice of McKinley, the adjuration of Roosevelt, the pledges of the party platform, the good faith of the Government and the dictate of humane consideration for a suffering and dependent people the Trusts bar the way to any modification of the tariff rates that would serve to diminish their unjust profits. It is the triumph of banded greed over right and justice. The tariff musters we have created turn upon the nation and hold it by the throat.

People who have been worrying over the worthlessness of wood pulp paper will rejoice to know that an invention has just been completed by Prof. C. E. Anthony, San Diego, Cal., by which the immense kelp beds of the ocean are to be utilized in the manufacture of paper. The invention consists in taking the seaweed and forming it into a pulp from which paper of the finest quality can be manufactured, equal even to the finest linen paper, which, though a product of the chemist's laboratory, it greatly resembles. Not only has Prof. Anthony succeeded in making a suitable paper pulp from kelp, but he declares that the pulp can be produced at 50 per cent. of the cost of other pulp.

The Republicans of the Senate generally are opposed to the admission of New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma as States, in the not unreasonable fear that they would increase the Democratic representation in both houses of Congress and in the electoral college. But Senators Quay and Penrose appear to have no such misgivings, at least so far as New Mexico is concerned. With their experience of Pennsylvania Legislatures and of recent Machine State conventions they are persuaded that there would be no great difficulty for William H. Andrews, late of Crawford county, and now of Albuquerque, to represent New Mexico in the United States Senate. At any rate, they are ready to risk the experiment. Andrews would be quite an acquisition to the Senate of the United States, and he would probably bring with him a statesman of much the same type.

Democratic harmony was the keynote at a great gathering in the Tilden Club in New York last week, when ex-President Grover Cleveland and ex-Senator David B. Hill were the principal speakers.

Mr. Cleveland declared he should never again participate in party councils, but that he had a burning desire to see the Democratic party once more restored to perfect health, and to see it victorious. He believed that an opportunity now exists for it to achieve victory, if the party will disregard gaudy and uncertain issues and cling to its old and time-honored principles.

Ex-Senator Hill in his speech bitterly assailed the Roosevelt Administration for its imperialistic policy and attacked the Republican party for its Trust-breeding, Trust-fostering policy. He declared that Democratic forces are now harmonious and ready for a campaign that will mean Democratic victory.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

The town on Tuesday evening was deserted by its young people. They were out at D. W. Bradford's enjoying the hospitality of that gentleman and his estimable wife. About fifty young people from different parts of the valley were there and spent the evening very pleasantly in social chat, playing of games and dancing. Mr. and Mrs. Bradford have always had the reputation of being good entertainers and on Tuesday evening well sustained that reputation.

The party given by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Alexander, of Earlstown, last Thursday evening, was a pleasant affair. About forty of their friends met at their delightful home and after spending some time in social chat and games the most tempting refreshments were served by the hostess. All present had a delightful evening and are of the opinion that Mr. and Mrs. Alexander know how to entertain.

Mrs. George Heckman gave a delightful surprise party last Wednesday evening. The event was occasioned by the birthday of Mr. Heckman, who was the recipient of many presents. The evening was pleasantly spent and the whole affair indicated how well Mr. and Mrs. Heckman are thought of by their neighbors.

For some time past some miscreants have been stealing ice cream from parties who had prepared it for the refreshment of their friends and also from persons making it for sale. This is a more serious offense than is sometimes supposed. The editor recalls at affair of this kind many years ago in Centre Hall.

D. C. Keller, the dealer who has shipped, probably, more cattle than any other man, will ship another load next week. The greater part of this load was bought in Nittany valley.

Miss Bess Showers, of Bellefonte, Fred D. Andrews, of Harrisburg and George T. Smith, of March Chunk, have been enjoying themselves for the past few days at the home of James B. Strohm, at Centre Hill.

Mrs. Ida V. Moyer and three children, of Cleveland, Ohio, are guests at the home of Mrs. Moyer's mother, Mrs. M. A. Bearick, of Spring Mills, where they will spend the greater part of the summer.

A. Merrill Allison, of Spring Mills, was in town Monday morning. Mr. Allison graduated from Bucknell University last June and the past year was Principal of Alexandria, Huntingdon county schools.

Rev. W. E. Steckel, the young and popular pastor of the Presbyterian church at Millroy, will preach by exchange for Rev. W. H. Schuyler next Sunday, at Spring Mills at 10:30 a. m., and at Centre Hall at 2:30 p. m.

Robert D. Foreman, of this place, who has been looking after the implement interests of the Warder, Bushnell & Glessner Co., manufacturers of the Champion Machines, throughout Somerset and Cambria counties, was home over Sunday. Mr. Foreman reports business good, and if his activity there is to be judged by his activity he represents it well served.

Mrs. S. S. Kreamer, little daughter Rebecca, and Miss Annie Weaver last week went to Altoona to visit the former's brother John Sholl, who for the past nine years has held a responsible position with the Electric Light Company of Altoona. S. S. Kreamer joined his wife on Saturday and they together this week expect to visit Mr. Kreamer's sister, Mrs. S. H. Heckman, at Johnstown.

During the absence of the editor at Erie, attending the Democratic state convention, the Reporter is in charge—editorially, locally and mechanically—of Prof. John D. Meyer, who took his first lessons in the art, preservative under the chief while associate editor of the Centre County Times. Mr. Meyer at that time was in knickerbockers, but he was then such an apt student that the Reporter is reasonably safe in his hands.—[Editor.]

Rev. John H. Keller, of Mount Pleasant, North Carolina, is at home now visiting his father, James A. Keller. Rev. Keller graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster a year ago and has been pastor at Mount Pleasant since that time. The south seems to agree very well with him and it is interesting to hear him talk on commercial and agricultural advantages of that comparatively new country. Rev. Keller still continues his studies as is shown by the fact that he has bought a half interest in the Mount Amos Female Seminary and occupies the chair of Mental Science, Latin and German. The Seminary is one of the old educational institutions of the south.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Joseph Lutz, of this place, is assisting at Harrison's bakery, Bellefonte. He will remain there some time.

Station agent W. Frank Bradford is making some big hauls of fish. His last day's fishing summed up to eighty-five trout.

Joseph Monteluz, wife, two children, his sisters Mary and Maggie, of Piper City, Illinois, are visiting relatives in Union county.

The average of the tobacco crop in Clinton county is about seven hundred and fifty acres, two hundred and fifty acres less than last year.

Burglars broke into John Walte's bicycle shop, at Lock Haven one night last week, but took nothing but a handful of cigars.

Mrs. Joseph Edmiston was the guest of Mrs. Mame Miller last week, and Saturday both went to the former's home at State College.

It seems strange to see McClenahan's wagon go by without the regular driver but Will is taking a few days vacation, and is enjoying the sights of Pittsburg.

The Lock Haven State Normal school held its commencement exercises yesterday, Wednesday. One hundred and ten graduates received diplomas.

The ex-Centre countians now resident in Blair county will hold their annual picnic in Glasgow's grove, Bellewood, on August 23. The association is a numerous one.

S. H. Troxell, sixty-eight years old, one of the most widely known citizens of Millin county, died at McVeytown Friday night of last week, from diseases incident to old age.

Mrs. Rebecca Sparr had a new roof put on the dwelling house, in this place occupied by W. A. Sandoe. Mrs. Sparr makes it an aim to keep her properties in good repair.

Potato bugs are very plentiful. The hard-shelled fellows are being gathered by the gallon by those who are doing what they can to lessen the ravages of the enemy of the potato growers.

J. W. Carlin, Esq., of Rebersburg, passed through Centre Hall last Friday on his return from Bellefonte. Mr. Carlin will have the united support of the Democrats in the borough of Centre Hall.

The weather on Monday was extremely cold for this time of year. A fire in the house felt very comfortable and in the evening even an overcoat. It was not as warm as it generally is on the 23rd of June.

Joseph M. Carson, of Potters Mills, was unfortunate in losing a watch on Monday morning while driving to town. It was a Daebler engraved case with Elgin works. The finder will be suitably rewarded by Mr. Carson.

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred upon George S. Stark, colored, by Princeton University. This is the first instance of a degree being conferred on any one of the colored race by that institution. Rev. Stark was elected pastor of the colored church in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

The members of the Methodist church will hold a festival on Bartholomew's lawn the evening of July 4th. The Methodists, as usual, will furnish all who go with good refreshments. In case of cold or rainy weather the festival will be held in the Grange Hall.

Charles M. Schwab presented to Mt. Aloysius Academy at Cresson, last week, a magnificent building called alumnae hall. Mrs. Elizabeth Pollard, of Pittsburg, President of the Association, accepted the gift on behalf of the institution. Governor Stone, Bishops Garvey and Shanahan were present.

The Farmers Mills band will hold a festival the evening of July 4th, between the store and the mill at that place. The tub race will take place at 6:30 o'clock and the wheelbarrow race at 7:00 o'clock. The Penn Hall band will be present. The Farmers Mills boys promise a good time for all who come to the festival. The Colyer Mills band will also be present.

J. J. Lingle whose home is at Spring Mills met with quite a serious accident Saturday of last week while at his work as a fireman on the N. Y. C. Railroad near Patton. The engine he was on ran into another train and the result was, his left ear was nearly cut off and the top of his head was badly cut and mangled.

Monday of last week Harold, the three-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Will Mayer, of Howard, formerly of Lemont, met with what might have been a very serious accident. In some manner the little tot fell out of the kitchen window, a distance of about six feet, onto a hard stone walk. His face and head was badly bruised, and at first it was thought he was hurt internally, but he is recovering.