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THE NEW STYLE NEXT.

The political conventions in Centre county, and throughout the state, have had their day. The political convention, such as is known to the active politician, has been supplanted by a method governed by state laws, that shears the politician of all parties of his manipulations.

Hereafter the voter who attends the primaries will have positive assurance that his vote will count *one* for the man candidate he prefers. Under the new system it will be the aggregate of the votes cast that will decide who will be the candidate. There will be no delegates to snap; location will count for naught; "non-instructions" will be unknown. In fact, the nominating system will be revolutionized, the entire question being left with voter and his choice cannot be denied him at the polls, nor his act jugged with in convention.

Location and political expediency will have little influence with the voter who hereafter attends the primaries. The curtain drawn on the voters back spells independence. Strong Democratic districts, notably the townships and boroughs on the South Side of Centre county, will be in a position to largely dictate who shall be the nominees on the Democratic ticket, and the Republican strongholds will be no less effective in naming the standard bearers for their party.

The campaign in 1907 will be a very important one; the centers of activity in local politics will be shifted to points where the voters of one or the other party predominate; to succeed, in either party, it will be necessary to co-operate more than heretofore with the voters who are less inclined to take orders.

In brief, under the new primary law there will be as much independence among the voters at the primaries as there is at the general election.

Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is becoming a day of general recreation. A new generation has grown up to which the war is not even a personal memory. One-quarter of the present population have either immigrated since 1865 or are the children of such immigrants.

In the local cemeteries there were many who watched the straggling lines of veterans marching to the cemeteries. How many of these failed to look upon the sight with eyes a trifle dimmed? Every year the spectacle grows more pathetic of the straggling lines, the gray hair, the occasional empty sleeve, the old men in carriages too feeble to walk. It is a sight which it does any American good to see, recalling great sacrifices made for a cause whose appeal was wholly to the ideal.

The address on the occasion by Colonel D. F. Fortney was one of special interest because it appealed to the young men of to-day.

"The war was largely fought by boys," said the Colonel, "but the youngest are now old men or elderly. Death makes sad ravages in their ranks."

Continuing the speaker expressed the beautiful thought that these old veterans, now fast closing their ranks, by sacrificing their own blood had given to this generation a free government, and what would they do with it?

The address throughout was one full of the most noble sentiments, and elicited for the speaker the most kindly expressions from veterans and citizens.

The opening prayer was made by Dr. James W. Boal, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. W. H. Schuyler.

Lincoln Party Ticket.

The Lincoln Party of Pennsylvania nominated Thursday of last week Lewis Emery, Jr., for Governor; Rudolph Blankenburg, Lieutenant Governor; Major George W. Merrick, Auditor General, and Elisha A. Cory, Secretary of Internal Affairs. This was done by the State convention in Musical Fund Hall. The ticket was received with great enthusiasm by a representative gathering of the Republican intellect and manhood of the State.

The change from the proposed nominating of ex-Senator Bayard Henry for Lieutenant Governor and Robert K. Young for Auditor General was, however, a surprise, and was due, so far as Mr. Henry was concerned, to adoption, by the State Committee, prior to the convention, of a resolution offered by Franklin S. Edmonds, "that a full ticket be nominated, and in case a revision of the same be found necessary, it may be made by a reconvening of the full convention."

This leaves an opportunity for the Lincoln party to fuse.

The fellow who has money to burn generally comes to the point where he sieves the ashes.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

News of a Semi-Local Character Gathered from the Exchange Table.

Harry Nelson, sixteen years old, of Lock Haven, had his right hand torn from the wrist by being caught in machinery at the Standard Steel Works, at Burnham.

Mrs. S. F. Seybold, at Lockport, Clinton county, killed two large black snakes near the house door. One of the reptiles was lying on a bench when discovered and was about to enter an open door.

After sinking \$2400 in the venture, the famous "Clairvoyant" test well drilled near Marshfield, Potter county, in the hope of tapping the elusive oil at the Gaines oil field has been abandoned. The hole was sunk to a depth of 4200 feet, and there was no sign of either oil or gas.

It is to be regretted that the judicial proceedings in connection with the attack upon the constitutionality of the senatorial apportionment bill have again been postponed, owing to the illness of Judge Kunkle, of the Dauphin county court. Schuylkill and Lancaster are to be joined by Lebanon, it is said, in the effort to overthrow the act.

A one-story stone mill near Landisburg, Perry county, erected in 1786, still has some of the machinery that was part of the equipment when the mill was first put in operation. The cog wheels are made of wood, and there is but little of any other material in any portion of the machinery. The mill has been in constant operation since its erection.

Negotiations recently closed between the Logan Iron and Steel Company and the State Forestry Commission, whereby the latter secures the Greenwood Furnace tract, removing one of the oldest landmarks of the early iron industry in central Pennsylvania. Greenwood Furnace was erected in 1833, and for many years the plant's production was large. Operations were discontinued a few years ago.

Robert Pitcairn, of Pittsburgh, resident assistant to President A. J. Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania railroad retired Friday from the position after fifty-three years' service with the company. Mr. Pitcairn announced that he did not favor any particular publicity of the fact of his retirement, and declared that he would surrender his position and sever his connection with the company in a quiet manner and without "any fuss of that kind," as he puts it.

When it was learned at Lewistown that the Balwin Locomotive Works was establishing a large iron foundry at Eddystone, Delaware county, a general fear was expressed that the new plant would take away an important department of the Standard Steel Works and its number of employees would be materially cut down. But the Democrat and Sentinel assures its readers that the Eddystone plant will do work not heretofore done at any of the Balwin Locomotive Works.

The Northumberland-Union county bridge scrap was settled in court. The present board of commissioners charged the retired Northumberland board with graft in connection with letting the contract for a joint bridge, which letting was made a few days before the officials retired. The charge could not be substantiated, yet it is apparent that the bridge specifications call for a structure that will accommodate a trolley track, and that certain politicians will profit by such a move on account of being interested in a trolley company that will likely use the bridge built by taxpayers.

A sad accident occurred at Allenville, Mifflin county, in which Miss Lizzie, daughter of Joseph A. Kanagy, was badly wounded. While in the act of scrubbing their porch, Lizzie discovered a large house snake and called to her father, who was at work in the yard, to come and kill the reptile. Her father securing a Winchester rifle started in pursuit of the snake when in some unknown way in handling the weapon the contents discharged and the bullet entered his daughter's left breast near the bone, coming out a few inches from the shoulder and penetrated the left arm, breaking the bone in its course and coming out at the opposite side of her arm, the bullet lodging in the sleeve of her dress. The lady will recover.

Keith's Theatre.

There is a promise of variety at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this week. First on the bill is Rose Coghlan, in a playlet, "The Ace of Trumps". Willard Simms Co. appear in a comedy sketch; the Tan J. Troupe of oriental acrobats form a pleasing addition to the bill and W. C. Fields, comedy juggler, is on the program. Others who add interest to the week's entertainment are Arthur and Mildred Boylan, in "Jack and Jill"; Al. Carleton, monologist; McNamee, modeler; The Ferraros, and the musical dog; Laura Ordway in monologue, the World's Comedy Four, Leonard, Kane, The Burkes, Charley Chase, etc.

GRANGE RALLY.

Members of State and Local Granges to Meet at Centre Hall, June 15—Sixth Degree to be Conferred.

The prospects for a large gathering of Patrons at Centre Hall, Friday, June 15th, are most encouraging. The morning session will open promptly at 9:30 a.m.

The following officers of the State Grange will be present to conduct the ceremonies: Worthy Master, W. F. Hill; Worthy Secretary, J. T. Allman; Worthy Chairman of the Legislative Committee, Hon. W. T. Creasy; Worthy Flora, Mrs. John Dale, and possibly several others.

The morning session will be taken up by an elaborate illustration of the local Grange degree work. The four subordinate degrees of the order will be given in full.

A free luncheon will be served in the Hall at noon, by the members of the local granges.

The afternoon session will open at 1:30 p.m. At 2 p.m. the degree of Pomona (fifth degree) will be conferred in full form by the Centre County Grange. All fourth degree members are eligible to this degree and can make application for the degree on the day of the meeting.

At 3 p.m. the degree of Flora (sixth degree) will be conferred by the officers of the State Grange, who will have charge of the ceremonies. All fourth degree members are eligible to this degree by first making application for the fifth degree.

Application for the fifth and sixth degrees will be received at the same time on the day of the meeting, so that this meeting will give every member of the order in the county an opportunity to take the higher degrees of the order. It is expected that every member will, if at all possible, avail himself of the honor of these higher degrees.

At 8 p.m. a public meeting will be held to which everybody is cordially invited. Addresses will be delivered by Worthy Master Hill, Worthy Secretary Allman, Hon. W. T. Creasy and others, with recitations and music by local talent.

A public festival will be held by Progress Grange during the day and evening, in the basement of the hall. Ice cream and refreshments will be served at all hours, and everybody is cordially invited.

COMMITTEE.

The Blurt of a Youth.

"The world owes me a living," was the blurt of a youth. It is a mistake. It is hoped that for that young man's good that he'll get the notion out of his head. It's a mistake, a grave mistake. He never entertained a more foolish idea nor one which will bring him a smaller measure of respect. The world owes the young man nothing; but instead he owes the world and society an active, noble manhood, a steady, honest energy which will enable him to associate with decent men and women in a true manliness of character that will make his friendship valuable and his presence and companionship desired. The truly intelligent activity, and this young man should contribute to society's happiness and welfare the grace which comes through study, toil and honest thought.

Commendable.

Superintendent D. O. Etters has adopted a system of examination for school teachers holding professional certificates. They are questioned with a view of determining whether or not they have been making an effort to put themselves by study of the authors and advanced text books. This move is entirely commendable.

There is another class of school teachers who need yearly examination and weeding out, and until this is done by an act of the legislature, the public schools will suffer. Reference is here made to the teacher who holds a permanent certificate, no matter how acquired.

There are exceptions, of course, but the rule is that these teachers become antiquated; indeed, they become so antiquated and rusty that they become entirely unfit for school work. They are unwilling to equip themselves for present-day school work; they live in the past and condemn anything that is progressive.

The writer has evidence, in the form of applications for schools, before him that will illustrate the point. Most of them are from State Normal School graduates, and to say the least it would be criminal to oblige children of perceptive minds to sit for a school term and expect to be taught by such illiterate characters. The man or woman who is incapable of writing a decent application for a position is unfit to teach children the alphabet.

Witmer Gets U. S. Marshalship.

President Roosevelt nominated Charles B. Witmer, of Sunbury, to be United States Marshall for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

INCIDENTS OF 1878.

Local Items Taken from the Centre Reporter of Interest to 1906 Readers.

[Note: The spelling of proper names is the same found in the files of the Reporter.]

APRIL 25.—In the same a further supplement to an act erecting Hemerysburg, (a part of Rebersburg), in this county, was defeated.

The dwelling house of Amos Bedillion, in the southern part of Potter township, was destroyed by fire at noon Sunday.

Last Sabbath the house of John Roush, near Madisonburg, was robbed. Two hundred dollars were secured. An entrance was gained through the cellar, and the robbers are supposed to have been tramps who were prowling about.

Jacob Shook's dwelling, in Brush Valley, was struck by lightning, Friday of last week.

Rev. S. Roeder, who is about to finish his course at F. & M. Seminary, has been extended a call to the Centre Hall Reformed charge.

J. O. Deininger will erect two houses on Church street—one of brick, the other of plank.

Jacob Solt, who in March left this place for Kansas, is now on his way back again, traveling by private conveyance.

A Sunday School has been opened in the M. E. Church, in Georges Valley, known as the Synagogue. Samuel Bible is the Superintendent.

The Order of Odd Fellows held their first meeting in their new hall in the Penns Valley Banking Building. The furniture was purchased from W. R. Camp, and is very handsome. George L. Goodhart was installed master by Deputy H. Y. Stitzer.

Notes from Rebersburg.—A. J. Gramley left for Iowa. Much building will be done in Rebersburg, including a barn by N. N. Miller.

The mail is carried twice a week—Tuesday and Friday—from Centre Hall to Tusseyville. Twenty dollars is paid Mr. Bair for this service.

MAY 9.—Prof. Henry Meyer was re-elected county superintendent of schools.

Willis W. Rishel, son of John Rishel, of near Centre Hall, was thrown from a colt's back, and was seriously bruised about the head. He was unconscious for several hours.

A meeting has been called in Gift and Flora's shoe store to organize a military company.

Henry Boozer has taken the contract to carry the mails daily between Centre Hall and Spring Mills.

MAY 16.—A. O. Deininger, of Millheim had the misfortune to severely cut his head with an axe that caught on a rope.

The Lutheran church at Rebersburg was dedicated Sunday, Rev. Dr. Zeigler, of Selinsgrove, preaching the dedicatory sermon. Rev. Shannon and Rev. McCool also assisted. About \$900 were raised on this occasion.

Samuel, the youngest son of E. C. Cambell, of Millheim, was thrown from a landlubber, the implement passing over him. There were no serious injuries.

Michael Duck, of Millheim, while driving through Centre Hall, was thrown from his buggy, and somewhat injured. The horse was frightened by a mule colt running loose.

Messrs. Brisbin and Mingle are in the butchering business.

MAY 30.—A fifty-acre field of wheat in Ferguson township, is said to be totally blighted by the late frost.

Prof. C. L. and T. M. Gramley, of Rebersburg, visited Niagara Falls, and went on west.

Twenty-six Democratic candidates have announced their names in the Reporter.

Married—March 24, Hiram Lutz and Miss Missie Shaffer, both of Zion.

May 14, Henry Leichty, of Tusseyville, and Mary Magruder, of Mifflintown. May 8, Col. D. S. Kelleher, of Bellefonte, and Miss Mattie Schroeder, of Reading. May 23, Henry P. Fohr and Miss Eliza M. Runkle, both of Orangeville, Ill. The bride is the daughter of Hugh Runkle, of Orangeville, formerly of Centre county, Pa. May 23, Henry Swartz of Orangeville, Illinois, and Miss Sarah Zettie, of Centre Hall. May 19, Wm. Runkle, of Gregg township, and Miss Annie Meyer, of Centre Hall. May 30, Joseph Lutz, of Zion, and Miss Susan E. Loehr, of near Centre Hall.

Coal in Clinton County.

Coal has been found in paying quantities in the Scootac region, Clinton county. A company has just opened a four and one-half foot vein of excellent quality. Several carloads were shipped to Williamsport, and after testing, it was pronounced fine.

Coal has been discovered at various times in this region before, but never of sufficient quantity to make mining a paying venture. A number of years ago several extensive operations were abandoned for this reason.

PACKERS AND STOCKMEN.

A Few Trust Recipes that Will Sharpen Your Appetite for Canned Goods.

Stockmen have known for years that a certain number of animals unfit for food are used by the packers.

They have known it because they have sold the cattle and hogs to the packers. The whole number of those which ought to have been condemned has probably been much smaller than the public in its present excited state believes, although that fact excuses no one.

The cattlemen who shipped a steer with lump-jaw in a carload of beef knew just what he was doing; so did the farmer who rushed his hogs to market when cholera appeared among them. They intended to get what they could out of the stock. It is not in the least likely that the packers' buyers were imposed on. They know their business. That does not make them averse to buying some poor stock at their own price. The only persons imposed on have been the consumers.

The best class of beef cattle offered for sale in the stock-yards are corn-fed steers from the Western States. They furnish most of the dressed beef and practically all the cattle for export to Europe. Properly handled and refrigerated this dressed beef should be beyond criticism.

At the other end are what are called "canners"—poor and old cows, rough steers, bulls and stags. They represent the cheapest classes of cattle sold, and go to fill millions of cans. Where prime beef cattle sell at \$6 per hundredweight on foot, "canners" bring only \$1.50. When the meat has been cut up, cooked or colored by "canning" there is no telling anything about its original state by the ordinary consumer. The same is true of virtually all of the prepared hog products. But it would be absurd to say that all of these food articles are dangerous or made from diseased animals.

The stockmen's protest against the Beveridge amendment is easy to understand. They are not wholly guiltless. More than that, they are dependent upon the big packers for a market.

The greatest menace to public health really lies in unsanitary methods and conditions in the packing-houses. That can never be wholly cured by Federal inspection. Unless State and local authorities join in the work of enforcing reforms wherever needed the spans of disgust that has seized the country will result in little lasting good.