



BRYAN DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE.

Hon. Jere S. Black at Head of Organization Formed for Purpose of Securing Instructed Delegates for the Nebraska.

The Bryan Democratic League has been organized in the state of Pennsylvania. Jere S. Black, of York county, was elected chairman; Roland S. Morris, of Philadelphia, vice chairman; Warren Worth Bailey, of Cambria county, was elected secretary; and William H. Berry was chosen treasurer.

A formal declaration of purposes was made by adoption of the following resolutions, which were later signed by all hands:

Resolved, That the Bryan Democratic League favors the nomination of W. J. Bryan for president, and to this end it will co-operate with all in sympathy with its purposes in securing delegates in each congressional district pledged to support Mr. Bryan at the Denver convention. It is further

Resolved, That everything points to the wisdom of the course here advocated. That Mr. Bryan is a logical man for 1908 is beyond reasonable dispute. He is manifestly the one Democrat who appeals to the Democratic heart of the nation. His strength is not local nor sectional. It is universal, and the Democrats of Pennsylvania feel that in advancing his cause they are advancing that of the party and of good government.

Resolved, That all Democrats of the state are cordially invited to participate in this movement, and they are urged to take instant steps to perfect organization and to avail themselves of every opportunity to make its purpose effective.

Authority was given Chairman Black to name an executive committee in each of the thirty-two congressional districts, and in addition to this body of district leaders there will be a general state committee with every county represented.

Secretary Warren Worth Bailey, editor of the Johnstown Democrat, invites correspondence from all Democrats in sympathy with the purposes of the league.

The Sick.

Doctors are kept busy day and night attending the many sick people throughout the valley. Among these are Mr. and Mrs. James Runkle, at the Centre Hall Hotel, both of whom are seriously ill. Mr. Runkle had recovered sufficiently to go out of doors, and the latter part of last week made a trip to Pleasant Gap, and the following day took his bed.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Rishel, east of Centre Hall, have been threatened with pneumonia.

Perry H. Luse, on the Huyett farm, west of Centre Hall, was also thought to be taking pneumonia the beginning of the week.

Rev. B. F. Bieber was confined to the house for several days during the beginning of this week. Sunday evening it was noticeable that he was suffering physically, but he conducted services at Centre Hall as usual, and Monday morning he was unable to leave his bed.

Nittany Mountain.

Owing to the bursting of a barrel saw Robinson's stove mill has been idle for several days.

H. C. Robinson discontinued sawing mine ties, there being no sale for them.

A. G. Noll and family spent Sunday with Samuel Wasson, a son-in-law. It was pretty hard sledding, tone, but then the toll was only half rate.

Misses Lou and Bertha Parker, of Johnstown, the former a sister and the latter a daughter of William Parker, are visiting him at his home at Blackhawk.

This is the kind of weather that pleases the hunters, and the way they make the foxes turn over is a caution. Oscar Lonberger has many carcasses, minus scalp and hide, hung high and dry.

So far as your correspondent knows the sick in this region have regained their health. So much for the elixir vitae so abundant on old Nittany's summit.

Oak Hall.

A number of people from this place attended the Farmers' Institute at Boalsburg last week.

Luther Peters and wife spent several days among relatives in Ferguson township.

Rev. Snavely, of State College, was a visitor in town Friday.

Miss Laura Benner visited friends in Fillmore last week.

Wm. Ferree and family spent Saturday afternoon in Bellefonte.

Washington's birthday was celebrated by the schools in this place on Friday.

James C. Gilliland and wife enjoyed a drive to Lemont Saturday.

Mrs. John Eiters, of Lemont, was a recent visitor at the home of her son, Clayton Eiters.

COURT NEWS.

Cases Adjusted Before Court and Jury-Verdicts and Penalties.

February sessions of court convened Monday morning at ten o'clock. Considerable time was consumed in hearing motions and petitions presented by the several members of the bar. The Sheriff made several returns under the Lien Creditor's Act. A list of Grand Jurors was called and sworn, and W. H. Noll, Jr., merchant, of Pleasant Gap, was selected as foreman.

Monday afternoon court convened at two o'clock at which time several partition proceedings were returned and heirs called and orders made.

The first case called was Thomas Boal vs. W. H. Moyer, being an appeal from the Justice of the Peace. This case was from Potter township, and according to the plaintiff's allegations, he sold some apples to the defendant, and that the defendant had looked at the apples on the 18th day of December, 1906. That he delivered to the defendant's house twenty bushels of these apples on the 21st day of December and two bushels on the 22nd. At the time he delivered the twenty bushels Mrs. Moyer signed a check which had been signed in blank. When he returned the next day with thirteen bushels the wife of the defendant declined to take the apples stating that there was something wrong with them, that they seemed to be frozen. That he left two bushels, took the other eleven back home with him, set them in the cellar and had some of these apples as late as July, 1907. That at the time he delivered the twenty bushels of apples he was directed to set them on the porch. The defendant's allegations are that the apples were frozen, that the plaintiff had kept them on the barn floor, and that he (the defendant) could not use them, and had notified the plaintiff to come and remove the apples, which he failed to do, and that they subsequently carried the apples to the chickens, they not being fit for use or for market. Verdict on Tuesday morning.

Commonwealth vs. Walter Auman, indicted for betrayal, prosecuted by Stella Auman. This case is from Penn township, and went to trial. Verdict on Tuesday morning.

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Celebrated 50th Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wion, in Centre Hall, Tuesday celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. There were present on this occasion their five children and a number of grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Wion spent most of their life on the farm, and upon reaching the age that compelled retirement from labor, they became residents of Centre Hall.

Mrs. Wion before her marriage was Mary Swabb. The children are: Frank Wion, Bellefonte; Mrs. William Carson, Bellefonte; Mrs. Richard Brooks, Centre Hall; Mrs. Samuel Reish, Pleasant Gap; Miss Maggie, at home.

Rebersburg.

Jacob Long, of Madisonburg, spent one day last week at the home of Clarence Long, in this place.

Miss Katie Moyer, a seamstress, now occupies a part of the house of Peter Kessler.

Aaron Stitzer spent some time with relatives and friends here last week.

John Harter and daughter, Miss Ethel, visited relatives in Geauga Valley this week.

John Zellers and family, of near Centre Hall were in town one day last week.

James McCool and sister, of Spring Mills, visited friends in town one day last week.

Henry Mowery, of Madisonburg, spent a short time in town last week.

Curtis Bierly and wife, of Dents Run, are visiting relatives and friends in this place.

Daniel Orman and family, of Penns Cay, spent Saturday at the home of James Corman.

Charles Beck and wife, of Wilkesbarre, are at present visiting relatives in this place.

William Zeigler made a business trip to Bellefonte this week.

Friday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Wolf, three miles east of this place, was enlivened by a sleighing party from Rebersburg. The participants were Misses Margaretta Winters, Grace Wetzel, Veda Wetzel, Amy Stover, Meriam Auman, Stella Gephart, Lodie Wolf, Jessie Walte, Alpha Smull, Messrs. Lee Kidder, Harry Haines, Harry Weaver, Clarence Weber, Wilber Dieb, John Kliefelder, Claude Smull, William Scholl, Charles Gramley and Thomas Hubler. Refreshments were served, and the evening was most pleasantly spent.

Rev. John Frank Tallhelm, a retired minister of the United Brethren church, died at his home in Julian, aged eighty-two years.

THE PRIMARIES.

Will be Held on April 11th, for all Parties in Every Election District in the State.

The spring primaries will be held in every election district in the Commonwealth on the same day—Saturday, April 11th. Candidates for all offices, district and county, to be filled at the next November election, will be nominated at those primaries. The only exceptions are the candidates to be named by the state convention, and this year these will be the candidates for the presidential electors, thirty-four in number, and one candidate for judge of the superior court. In addition delegates to the state and national conventions of all parties will be chosen at the primaries by direct vote. There is much information that it is useful for intending candidates to have at this time in order to avoid future confusion and embarrassment. All petitions of candidates seeking nomination to district judgeships, to Congress, the state Senate or representatives in the Legislature must be filed in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth not later than Saturday, March 14th. All petitions for delegates to county offices and for delegates to state and national conventions must be filed in the office of the county commissioners not later than Saturday, March 21st. This requirement is uniform throughout the state; there is no exception to it anywhere. These petitions must be signed by qualified electors; in the case of candidates for Congress, judges of the various courts and state senator by 200; in the case of candidates for the Legislature and all county offices by fifty, and in the case of candidates for all other offices and for delegates to state and national conventions by ten. Where national delegates are elected from districts composed of more than one county petitions must be filed in all the counties of the district.

DEATHS.

ELIZABETH BOAL THOMPSON.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Boal Thompson, wife of John I. Thompson, of Lemont, occurred Thursday night of last week. Tuesday morning previous Mrs. Thompson was stricken with paralysis and never recovered consciousness, death relieving her suffering at the time stated.

Elizabeth Boal was born at Boalsburg, January 8, 1846, making her age a little over sixty-two years. Thirty-eight years ago she was married to John I. Thompson, who located in Lemont, where they have since resided in happiness and contentment.

Mrs. Thompson leaves to mourn her death her husband and five children, as follows: Mary L., married to Dr. O. H. Shaeffer, of Altoona; Helen, wife of Geo. M. Selters, of Helena, Mont.; George Boal Thompson, of Alto, this county; Elizabeth Boal Thompson, at home, and Charles M. Thompson, of Lewisburg. She is also survived by two half sisters, Mrs. John Hamilton and Mrs. George Jack.

Funeral services were held at the house Monday afternoon, and interment made at the Branch cemetery.

Jacob Frantz, an old and well known soldier of the Civil War, died quite suddenly at his home near Port Matilda, aged sixty-six years. His entire life was spent in that section save when he was at the front during the war. He is survived by several children, also three brothers and three sisters.

Dr. D. Jones died at the Bellefonte hospital Wednesday afternoon of last week. He was a resident of that town, having come there about four years ago, and was practicing his profession, that of a veterinary surgeon. His age was fifty years, and he is survived by a wife and seven children.

A well known dentist of Phillipsburg, Dr. Isaac Guss, died at the home of his daughter in Allegheny. Death came suddenly when he was endeavoring to recuperate by change of scene. He was aged seventy-two years, and is survived by his wife, one son and several daughters.

Mrs. Mary Barnhart Davis, died at her home in Hollidaysburg, after a brief illness of congestion of the lungs. She was a daughter of Judge Henry Barnhart, and was born in Centre county over seventy-five years ago.

After suffering for a number of years from that incurable disease, cancer, Michael Poorman, an aged resident of Coleville, died at his home there. He is survived by his wife and several children.

Mrs. W. Harry Black, of Altoona, died at the home of her father, Riley Pratt, at Unionville. She is survived by her husband, her parents, several brothers and one sister.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Paragraphs Picked from Exchanges of Interest to Reporter Readers.

Millheim Journal.—Harry Foster, of Philadelphia, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. John Hardenbergh.

I. W. Buck, who is employed at Howard, spent Saturday and Sunday with his family in this place.

Fred Harter, who had been employed at Philadelphia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Harter, of Penn street.

E. C. Rossman, of Philadelphia, is spending a few weeks with his friend, Miss Blanche Coufer, of East Main street.

D. J. Nieman, the clothing merchant, has the carpenters at work enlarging his store room to make more space for his increasing business.

Mrs. Aaron Crouse, of Smulton, who is staying with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. O. Housman, this winter, was surprised by a number of her friends calling on her Tuesday evening. A very pleasant time was had which was greatly enjoyed by all. Those who participated were Mrs. Henry Beaver and two daughters, Minnie and Belva; Mrs. L. C. Tobias, Mrs. Chas. Musser, Mrs. David Sholl, Mrs. N. A. Auman, Mrs. Josie Hardenbergh, Mrs. W. S. Musser and daughter, Margaret; Miss Flossie Geary, Lester Schreckengast.

The ladies' literary society held its annual banquet at the Mueser House Friday evening. Each member of the society was allowed to bring one guest to the banquet. The following members participated: Mrs. H. N. Meyer, Mrs. F. O. Hosterman, Mrs. W. S. Musser, Mrs. Wm. Groff, Mrs. John Hardenbergh, Mrs. L. E. Stover, Mrs. Marcellus Sankey, Miss Eva Moyer and Miss Jennie K. Kelsnyder. The following guests were present: H. N. Meyer, F. O. Hosterman, Dr. John Hardenbergh, Wm. Groff, Harry Faeter, of Philadelphia, and Marcellus Sankey and sister, of Potters Mills.

Bellefonte Daily News.—Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Montgomery and Miss Hassal departed for Philadelphia for an extended visit. Mr. Montgomery will remain for a week or ten days and Mrs. Montgomery and Miss Hassal will remain for a month or more.

J. F. Condo, of Howard, was a caller in town in view of having his eyes examined. They have been giving him some trouble of late and he is apprehensive of his sight. Mrs. Condo has also been somewhat indisposed for the past few weeks.

Landlord Aaron Kyler, of the Irvin House, Lock Haven, was swindled out of \$75 by the clever forgery of B. M. Averett, of Richmond, Va. The said Averett had lodged at the Irvin house over night and offered the check in payment of his bill. Mr. Kyler cashed it and the E. P. Taylor company, of Richmond, on whom it was forged, refused it and it was protested.

Democratic Watchman.—

The Nittany Iron Company's furnace, which was banked two months ago, is again in operation.

During the recent freshet George Potter, tenant on the Chas. Snyder farm at White Hall, was compelled to move his entire stock of horses and cattle up into the barn floor. The stable was full of water as high as the mangers. Some of the calves and young cattle almost drowned before they could be rescued.

During the heavy snow of two weeks ago Dr. R. L. Houser, of Pennsylvania Furnace, was compelled to imitate the Icelanders. The snow drifted to a depth of fifteen feet between his house and stable and instead of digging a pathway through the mountain of white he tunneled it and thus was able to make his trip back and forth in comparative comfort, so far as the inclement weather was concerned.

State College Times

Christ Miller is lying in a serious condition at his home at Pine Grove Mills. A few days ago a mule injured his left arm by a vicious kick, sinking the calks deep into the flesh. Blood poisoning ensued, and it is feared that amputation of the arm will be necessary.

While in the act of fastening a cross-arm on a telephone pole at Pennsylvania State College, Harry Ryan, a fireman of the American Union Telephone company, lost his balance and fell to the ground, a distance of some 30 feet, alighting on his feet. One ankle was badly sprained and the other, it is feared, has a splintered bone. The unfortunate man was removed to his home at Bellefonte.

Church Dedication.

The new United Evangelical church, at Centre Hall, will be dedicated Sunday. Services will be held in the morning and evening, the dedicatory services proper being in the evening.

Twenty-five years, and then it will be said the winter of 1907-8 was noted for its great snow drifts.

Should the Rod be Used Again?

Reports from various school districts indicate that pupils have become more or less insubordinate. This condition is not only local, but widespread, and there is a general inclination on the part of those who firmly believe in corporal punishment, that this condition is the result of the omission of that sort of punishment for minor offenses.

In school government four persons, as a rule, are interested—the teacher, the pupil, the parents. Each contribute a share toward order and disorder. Sometimes the injudicious act of a teacher is responsible for a great deal of disturbance in the school room; the parents, too, have a much larger share of responsibility for their children's conduct in the school room than many of them are willing to shoulder.

The combined effort of parents and teachers, when honestly put forth, may always be depended upon to bring order out of chaos, without resorting to violence.

No tyrant should be tolerated in a public school in America any more than he should be permitted to govern the nation, and the pupil who assumes the role of a dictator has no rights that need to be respected.

Bought Kerstetter Meat Market.

The Kerstetter meat market, at Pleasant Gap, was purchased by Messrs. Lloyd Smith and William H. Cummings, of Colyer, who will have charge of the same in a short time. Mr. Smith has had considerable experience in conducting a butchering establishment, having been engaged in that business at Altoona and other points, and his associate, Mr. Cummings, is just the kind of young man needed to make things hum generally. The Pleasant Gap stand is a good money-making proposition, and Smith & Cummings will not only do business for the dollars, but will be accommodating in sales and pay fair prices for cattle, hogs and sheep for the block.

New Quarantine Rules.

In addition to the diseases, under the act of June, 1895, requiring placarding have been added these: "Bubonic plague, epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis—spotted fever, chicken pox, measles, German measles, mumps, typhoid fever, and whooping cough." The new rules also provide for quarantining all places in which these diseases may be found. Of course, it is the duty of the attending physician to report such cases to the board of health.

John Stoner Injured.

The Millheim Journal says: The venerable John Stoner met with a serious accident Tuesday of last week. As he was leaving E. L. Auman's flour mill on Mill street, he slipped on the raised platform outside of the door and fell to the ground, breaking his hip. Mr. Stoner, whose age is near four score years and ten, has of late become very feeble and used two canes while walking. He is under the care of Dr. C. S. Musser, of Aaronsburg.

Notice for Closing Meat Market.

Owing to the regulations of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, which requires all butcher tools, blocks, etc., to be cleaned up at the close of each day's business, it is necessary to set an hour for the closing of the meat sales so that this work can be done before closing my place of business. This hour has been set at 8:30, after which time no meat will be sold, no matter whether the shop is open or not.

J. G. DAUBERMAN.

Boalsburg Post Cards.

We have now on hand a fine line of German-made post cards, views of Boalsburg, which we offer for sale. The stock is superior in quality and embraces a larger assortment than ever before offered.

STUART & WIELAND.

Boalsburg, Pa.—St.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Mary B. Gates to Sue A. Peters, Jan. 13, 1908, lot in Pine Grove Mills, \$600.

A. L. Hoover, et. ux., to Stella Hoover, Jan. 23, 1908, 7 acres in Union twp. \$300.

Sarah E. Fryer, et. al., to W. A. Auman, Jan. 27, 1908, 2 1/2 40p in Penn twp. \$500.

Laurence Will, et. ux., to G. F. Walker, Jan. 10, 1908, 150a in Union twp. \$950.

Rebecca Grover to Henry Bailing, Dec. 9, 1907, 7a in Union twp. \$100.

Michael Runkle to David Runkle to David M. Leib, Aug. 25, 1882, lot in Bellefonte. \$160.

Austin Curtin to W. G. Runkle, Oct. 22, 1906, premises in Harris twp. \$1000.

J. K. McFarlane, et. ux., to Margaret E. Harrigan, Feb. 13, 1908, lot in Bellefonte. \$550.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Clayton Wagner, of Centre Hall, carpenter and amateur photographer, has been on the sick list.

Court is on this week. Judge and jury are trying to disentangle disputes among people of various classes.

Wm. Reiber, the apiarist at Colyer, was in town Monday, and reported everything o. k. in the bee line in his section.

Harry E. Bible was home from Altoona from Saturday until Monday, and with his father, Jonas C. Bible, called on the Reporter Saturday.

Harry Hockenberry has purchased the dairy outfit of Wm. A. Carson, of near Bellefonte, and expects to take charge of the milk route on the 1st of March.

John R. Lee, one of the staunch Democrats in the west precinct of Potter, was a caller Saturday, having come to Centre Hall to take home with him his daughter, Miss Sadie Lee, a seamstress.

The principal contribution to the March number of Everybody's is an appreciation of Governor Hughes by Erman J. Ridgway. It is a sketch of the personal side of the Governor, told in direct, conversational language.

C. F. Bottorf, of Colyer, and daughter, Miss Sadie, were in Centre Hall Saturday. Miss Bottorf is one of the clerks in the general store of S. M. Zook, at Millroy, and came to Centre county to spend a few days at her home.

An elegant funeral car has been received by J. Paul Rearick, who has opened an undertaker's establishment in connection with the Sheezy & Rearick furniture business at State College. The car is up to date in every particular.

Clark Schmidt, chief of the division of fisheries of the Swedish government, made a tour of inspection through Pennsylvania with Fish Commissioner Meehan, and among other fisheries visited was the one at Bellefonte.

The Lewisburg chair factory has posted this notice: "No candidate for office will be permitted to go through the chair factory from and after this date. A list of voters employed at the factory will be furnished to those so requesting."

The chief contribution to The Ladies' World for March is an article called "The Human Side of the Millionaire," which tells of what is being done by some of our rich men for the benefit of their fellow creatures—the other side to that so often brought to our notice.

Residents of Howard are discussing the light question—whether the formerly used gasoline lamps shall be used to light the streets, or whether electricity shall be used. W. H. Long has received permission to erect poles on which to place wires to be used to light a number of business houses.

The Luther League and Sabbath school social held in the Lutheran Sabbath school room Friday night, was well attended, and the best of feeling was noticeable. The various churches in Centre Hall are beginning to realize that the gathering of the members in a social way is a necessity.

The gasoline lamps used to light the streets in the borough have been repaired, and are now doing good service. When properly cared for these lamps give out all the illumination one could wish for. It is lack of care and attention rather than wear and tear that puts the gasoline lamp out of commission.

Ash Wednesday, or the first day of Lent, falls on Wednesday, March 4th, this year. There will be five Sundays in the Lenten season. Palm Sunday falls on April 12, and is the Sunday which precedes Easter Sunday, a day of palm distribution to the people. Good Friday occurs on April 17, Easter Sunday on April 19, and Ascension day falls on Thursday, May 28.

W. H. Cummings, who for a number of years has been following threshing and hay-baling, offers his entire outfit for sale, and advertises the same for sale in this issue. The machinery is up to date and in good condition. The reason for wishing to sell is that Mr. Cummings is going into the butchering business at Pleasant Gap, mention of which is made elsewhere in these columns.

Dr. M. J. Locke, W. Harrison Walker, Esq., and S. H. Williams, acting as a commission in lunacy, inquired into the condition of the venerable Warren Wilkins, of Aaronsburg, a man eighty-three years of age, who had been in the county jail the last three months on the charge of petit larceny. Their verdict was that he was mentally unsound and it was recommended that he be sent to an asylum.