



DEMOCRATIC PARTY RULES.

New Laws to Govern Democratic Party in Centre County

The new primary laws enacted a few years ago by the state legislature necessitated the adjusting of the party rules to conform with those laws, consequently Chairman W. D. Zerby assembled the Democracy of Centre county in mass meeting, to formulate a new set of rules. The rules are reprinted below, those of less consequence being reduced to the substance of the clause, and the more important ones appearing in full.

PREAMBLE.

In pursuance of the provisions of the act of assembly approved the 17th day of February A. D. 1906, and known as the "Uniform Primary Election Law," which has practically set aside and annulled the rules heretofore governing the party in Centre county, and in conformity with the rules of the Democratic party in the state, the Democratic party of Centre county in mass meeting assembled adopted for the government of the party in said county the following rules:

1. The organization shall consist of one person who shall be known as, exercise the office of, and perform the duties of chairman of the Democratic county committee, and one member from each election district, whether township, ward, borough, or election precinct in the county. The chairman of the county committee shall be elected by the Democratic electors of the county at the spring primary election in 1909, and at the spring primary annually thereafter.

2. All candidates for chairman of the county committee shall file, or others shall file for him or them, with the county commissioners at least three weeks before the date of the spring primary, his or their petition with the names of ten or more qualified Democratic electors, recommending his candidacy, so that the name of each candidate for chairman shall be printed upon the party ballot as required by the aforesaid act of assembly.

3. Members of the county committee shall be appointed annually by the chairman.

4. In case of a vacancy in the chairmanship of the county committee shall fill the vacancy.

5. The term of office shall begin on the second Tuesday following the first Saturday in June of each year, and shall continue for one year.

6. The chairman of the Democratic county committee of Centre county shall be the chief party officer during his term of office, and shall have charge of all campaigns for the election of county candidates and shall at all times, in conjunction with the district, state or national committee, aid in the election of district, state or national candidates.

7. An annual meeting of the committee shall be held on the third Tuesday of August of each year; other meetings may be called by the chairman.

8. The officers of the committee beside the chairman shall be one or more secretaries, and a treasurer.

9. The chairman shall decide all the votes.

10. The chairman of the county committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees to perform party duties, to settle difficulties or disputes, to investigate charges and hear evidence concerning same. Such sub-committee or committees shall report to a meeting of the county committee and the action of the county committee on any such matter shall be final.

11. All elections and nominations by the county committee shall be by a majority vote of the members present. Twenty-five members of the said committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

12. Members of the committee shall have power to substitute a Democratic elector, but for that meeting only, and such substitution must be in writing.

13. In a permanent record book all rules, resolutions and actions of the committee shall be recorded.

14. The school district committees shall be appointed by the chairman upon the recommendation of the county in the several election districts.

15. There shall be at least one committeeman in each sub-school district, who shall act in conjunction with the member of the county committee in his election precinct. The member of the county committee in each precinct shall be chairman of the sub-school district committee-men and shall call a meeting of the said committeemen when the interests of the party shall require it, or he shall be requested so to do by the chairman of the county committee.

16. In case of a vacancy or vacancies occurring from any cause whatsoever after the county ticket shall have been nominated, or in the office of any state delegate, or that of any district nomination, the county committee shall have power to fill said vacancy on the county ticket, or in the office of state delegate, and to appoint conferees in the case of a district office to meet conferees from other counties to nominate a candidate or candidates to fill a vacancy in a district office. For such purpose the committee shall be called together by the chairman as occasion may require.

17. The county committee shall have power to nominate candidates to be voted for at any special election in Centre county, ordered by the governor of Pennsylvania or other authority under the constitution and laws of the commonwealth.

18. The present chairman and sub-committeemen shall be governed by these rules.

19. These rules may be amended upon the recommendation of a majority of the county committee, which amendment shall be submitted to the Democracy in mass meeting assembled.

20. These rules shall go into effect at once, and all rules heretofore adopted are repealed.

RECOMMENDATION.

For the purpose of establishing uniformity we recommend to the Democratic electors in all townships which have been divided into two or more election precincts, to meet in caucus in each of the said election precincts at the place of holding the election in and for the said precinct on the third Saturday before the day for holding the February election at such time as shall be fixed by the members of the county committee and nominate candidates for the precinct offices, and that the Democratic electors of the said townships shall on the same day between the hours of two and four p. m. meet in general caucus at some convenient or central point and nominate candidates for the various township offices.

Fire at Gum Stump.

Wednesday noon of last week, while the family of Orvis Poorman, of Gum Stump, were eating dinner their home was discovered to be on fire, presumably set on fire by a spark falling onto the roof of the chimney, and owing to the lack of help the building was entirely destroyed, together with most of the household goods.

LETTER FROM MISSOURI.

Newspaper Man Pours Out His Spirit on Account of the Penn Hall-Spring Mills Academy Alumni Reunion.

The following was received from E. S. Garver, of Grant City, Missouri, editor of the Worth County Times, and senior in the firm of the Garver Printing Company. Mr. Garver is a native of Potter township, and has been very successful in both political and business matters since locating in the west. Mr. Garver writes thus:

The account in your paper last week of the meeting of the Penn Hall Academy Association at Spring Mills recalled to my mind the sacred memories of the long ago. The picture of the old Penn Hall academy building was as welcome as the face of a friend. Thirty-five years ago this summer I was a student within its friendly walls and received instruction from Rev. D. M. Wolf, whose name I have often recalled with genuine pleasure. Had it been at all possible I should gladly have attended the meeting of those of my former companions who are left. And above all it would have afforded more pleasure than I can describe in words to have taken Rev. Wolf by the hand, not alone in the spirit of friendship, but in recognition of what he did for me while I was under his care as a student. I have been fairly successful in life, and as my mind reverts to the trials and vicissitudes that beset me in my earlier days, I can but look back and bless the day when my feet first crossed the threshold of Penn Hall Academy and I gave my name to Rev. Wolf for enrollment as a student.

His watchful care, his honesty of purpose, the high ideals he instilled into the minds of his students served as an inspiration and turned my mind into thoughtful channels and marked out a destiny for me that I have followed with unflinching zeal and it has brought gratifying success to me. There is a certain period in the life of every young man where his career begins—be it for good or for bad. What an inspiration it is in older age to look back to the starting point of a worthy and successful life whose enjoyment brings peace and happiness to the individual. I date the real starting point of my life to the day I entered Penn Hall Academy and began imbibing the rich moral and intellectual training under the tutorship of Rev. D. M. Wolf. And I am quite certain that many others stand ready to verify this statement by their own personal experience.

As I sit at my desk writing these lines my mind goes back thirty-five years and I try hard to recall the names of the boys and girls who were students at that time. But memory fails to serve me. Where are they? They have scattered to different parts of the country and are filling every vocation of social and industrial life. Some of them have answered the call that finally comes to all and are sweetly sleeping in their beds of clay, unmindful of the call that would bring them back and re-embodiment them in their form and animate them with life as we last saw and knew them. What a vanishing fate time has in store for us. At Penn Hall we were all boys and girls together. The hair was black, the eye was clear, the cheeks glowed with the rosy hue of health, the step was lithe and the spirit buoyant with the misadventured hopes of gallow youth. Can that be said now of the little army of students? All of us are now standing gazing at the horizon that is gilded with the golden glow of life's sunset. Soon the shadows will fall around us and our friends will inquire what became of us just as we now inquire after our former friends.

The Business Man and Grange Fair.

The local business men should be wide awake to their interests in exhibiting at the Exhibition and Fair at Centre Hall, September, 12 to 18. The occasion affords an opportunity no where else presented to exhibit and call attention to their merchandise and wares offered for sale. The local business men should preempt one of the various buildings, and build up an exhibit that would reflect credit. The building could be cut up into sections, and a salesman placed there to represent the firm and take care of customers.

The farmers are doing their share to keep up the credit of their exhibition, but there remains action to be taken on the part of the merchants and business men.

Horse Show at State.

October 31st a horse show will be held at State College, in which Centre county horses will have an opportunity to step high, and horse breeders and owners an opportunity to show their stock. Ribbons will be the only prizes offered, and the classification is such that heavy draft teams, the carriage horse, the general purpose horse, and the livery horse will have an equal chance.

THE BRYAN LEAGUE—

THE BRYAN PARTY.

The Bryan League was formed originally for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Democratic National Convention in the interests of Mr. Bryan, and who at the same time would vote for a member of the National Committee from this state that would support the candidacy of Mr. Bryan. This league exerted great influence in the Denver convention and did very much to cause the delegation from this state to cast almost its entire vote for Mr. Bryan in that convention. It did very much more than that. It was through the influence and power of the Bryan League that Hon. James Kerr was made the member of the Democratic National Committee for Pennsylvania, and pull the party in the state from the evil influences which has controlled it for years past.

Since the ticket has been made the Bryan League has turned in to form an organization in each county in the state with the determination to poll, for the first time in many years, the full Democratic vote in the state. It is so earnest and enthusiastic in this purpose that it will poll thousands of votes more for the ticket than any presidential ticket has received for many campaigns.

The League stands pledged, in this contest, to aid in every way through its organization the election of Congressmen, State Senators, Assemblymen and all local candidates in each county where there is any possibility of success. It proposes moreover to act in good faith with the rank and file of the party. What promises it makes will be kept.

At the head of this organization is Jere S. Black, of York; James Kerr and Wm. E. Wallace, of Clearfield; Howard Mutchler, of Easton; Hon. W. T. Creasy, of Columbia County; Ex-Treasurer Berry, of Chester; Warren W. Bailey, of the Johnstown Democrat, and many others, young and able Democrats of the state. In the hands of these men and their like the Democrats in every part of the state rest their faith, with the assurance that they will not, in the hour of

IF FARMERS WOULD PULL TOGETHER.

The Philadelphia Record editorially says:

The granger picnics in various parts of the State this summer have been well attended, and there seems to be an inclination to turn some of these assemblages to political account. The agricultural interest in Pennsylvania, if the farmers would pull together, might easily dominate the situation; but as a rule they have been content to let other, and sometimes antagonistic, interests dominate their politics, fix their lax rates and make their laws.

Because they pay no direct taxes for the support of the State or Federal Governments they fancy they go untaxed except for local purposes. But they are plucked at every turn in the purchase of their clothing, their implements, their lumber, their fuel, their medicines, their insurance, their transportation, their fencing, and their living, so far as they do not themselves dig it out of the ground, without recourse and without equity or mercy. They are bond slaves of an iniquitous system who go about blindfolded by partisanship and imagine themselves free agents.

The farmers, who bear the burden of taxation, can in a measure lessen the local taxation by enforcing strict economy in township and county affairs. The latter can be done by continuing in office the present board of Democratic county commissioners, who have during the past three years been watchful of the interests of the tax payers. True economy is that which brings one dollar's worth for every dollar expended, and this has been done by Messrs. Dunlap and Weaver.

John D. Miller, of Walker township, is widely known among all classes of people in Centre county, and especially among the farmers, having followed that occupation for many years. He belongs to a family of the strictest integrity, and himself possesses that quality, and socially is a man one likes to meet. Mr. Miller is the Democratic candidate for the office of county treasurer, and is peculiarly fitted for that office. There are no spots on John D. Miller that do not reflect real manhood.

If the farmers really mean to elevate one of their number when an opportunity affords it, they will cast their votes for Fred Smith for Sheriff. He is not a "book" farmer, but one who puts his hand to the plow and also sows and reap. Besides being a farmer, Mr. Smith is also one of the foremost citizens of Rush township, and a gentleman fully capable to properly fill the important office to which he aspires.

success, be betrayed or sold out.

What is designated as the "Bryan Party" is not a separate organization as now understood from the League. In the divided condition the party was in immediately after the Denver Convention, it has been thought best to pre-empt the title of both the "Bryan League" and the "Bryan Party." It is not the purpose of either to put a ticket in the field separate or different from that which has been nominated in the several counties except in Philadelphia where through the meanness of combines Republicans were put on the Democratic ticket.

The "Bryan League" is putting the old state organization, which has taken great offense at the action of the Denver Convention in selecting Hon. James Kerr for National Committeeman from this state, to shame and they are hustling to save themselves. Some of them lately met at Harrisburg, and if they will do as they declare, great things may be expected of the Democracy in Pennsylvania this fall. One thing, however, they should remember that the Democrats of the state are tired of being sold out by the Ryan-Donnelly gang of Philadelphia at every opportunity and desire that this element should no longer receive recognition from the Democratic party or organizations.

It is the purpose of the "Bryan League" either under its own name or that of the "Bryan Party" to give the Democrats of Philadelphia an opportunity to vote for Democrats instead of being forced to vote for Republicans who have been placed on the Democratic ticket by a combination of the followers of Ryan and Donnelly with the Reburn and McNichol gang in that city.

There is, therefore, great need for the "Bryan League." The young Democrats of every town and township in Penns. Valley should join in organizing "Bryan Leagues." Such organizations will help, not only Mr. Bryan's candidacy, but the whole Democratic ticket. The contest is now on, and there are many indications in all parts of the country that Bryan and Kerr will win.

Miss Pig Ate Sots.

A peculiar and laughable incident is related by Charles B. Neff, one of the progressive farmers west of Old Fort, to his neighbors but not for publication, so the reader is requested not to mention the matter to him.

Without regard to the price of grain Mr. Neff is keeping at present one hundred or more hogs on his farm, and one day recently one of the piglets got into the house yard, and in snooping through a window fell into the cellar under the kitchen. Mrs. Neff had just secured an extra supply of yeast from her neighbor, Mrs. Alvin Stump, and this was placed in the cellar to keep cool, but the piggy had no regard for the inconvenience she might put Mrs. Neff to by eating the yeast, and at once proceeded to do so—and with a relish. Hog-like, piggy soon found a few other choice bits of food in other parts of the cellar before her whereabouts was discovered.

All this time the family was seated in the kitchen above, and finally a series of deep sighs were heard. Investigation revealed a remorseful piggy in the cellar, which was ejected, of course. And piggy's troubles just now rightly began. It was a warm day, and piggy lay down. The sun soon penetrating her sides set the yeast in motion, and following there was a gradual expansion, limited only by the elasticity of the pig's skin, the distorted mass having the appearance of an inverted top. It was pain, no doubt, that made piggy wiggle to her feet and lie down again—the nether side up, apex down. There was a gentle breeze, piggy began to twirl like a top, her legs drawn close to her body, and tail drooping. The centrifugal force soon began to extend the limbs first, and then the appendage, and once it assumed a horizontal position there was an imitation of a steam thrasher whistle. The lines of distress disappeared from the piggy that ate the sots.

Growth Removed at Hospital.

The Bellefonte Hospital is becoming wonderfully popular with the people on the south side of Centre county, and the prejudice once displayed against the institution is disappearing, or probably has done so entirely. Among those who most recently were treated at the hospital was Miss Anna J. Smith, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Robert M. Smith, of Centre Hill. Several growths were removed from her throat and neck, the operation having been performed by Dr. Geo. F. Harris, and the results have been highly satisfactory.

Why not advertise in the Reporter?

POMONA GRANGE.

Met at Oak Hall Thursday—Farmers to Ask Legislative Candidates Their Position on Question of School Appropriation.

The third quarterly meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange was held at Oak Hall Station, Thursday of last week. The attendance was quite good, and extraordinary interest was shown by the members in the various movements in which the Order is interested.

James A. Keller, secretary of the fire insurance company, made his report, which indicated that the business of the company was on the increase, and that the losses had been moderate.

The Grange Encampment and Fair was discussed, and the chairman of the committee stated that everything augurs for a great gathering in September. That tenters would be there in large numbers; the exhibit of machinery larger than for a number of years, and amusements on the ground and auditorium superior to any heretofore.

The Patrons Rural Telephone Company, through its secretary, reported the business of the company steadily growing; that new lines are being built, others extended and some forty new subscribers added since the last report.

While discussing the subject of a fairer distribution of taxes, Willard Dale, the Lecturer, presented the following resolution:

At a meeting of the Pomona Grange held at Hublersburg, in May, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that we appeal to the real estate owners of the state to join with the Patrons of Husbandry in Pennsylvania in petitioning the state legislature to amend the public school laws so that the state be required to pay the entire wages of public school teachers, which sum is \$15,141,652 annually, and thus reduce local taxation \$10,000,000.

FROM AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

Cost of school houses, buildings, rent, etc. \$ 6,108,741.48
Teachers wages, 15,141,652.86
Text books, 762,279.81
Fuel, contingencies, fees of collector, etc., 7,682,820.24

Total expenditures for 1906, \$30,289,527.77

Therefore, be it now resolved, that the Master be authorized to appoint a committee of three to obtain from the various candidates for the General Assembly of the Legislature, to be voted for at the next general election, their position on this question, and forward their replies to the various members of the order.

The resolution was adopted with an unanimous spirit.

The Master appointed under this resolution the following well-known citizens: George Dale, George L. Goodhart, D. M. Campbell.

Pleasant Gap, 13; Forge, 5

Pleasant Gap defeated the Forge, of near Bellefonte, last Saturday afternoon on the former's ground to the tune of 13 to 5. The Gap had their eyes on the ball, no less than sixteen safe swats being registered under the hit column, four of which went for two bases. The following is the score.

PLEASANT GAP.				
	R.	H.	O. A. K.	
Stahl, c.....	2	1	14	5
Jodon, p.....	2	1	14	5
Jacob, 1b.....	2	1	6	0
Gordon, 2b.....	4	2	2	0
R. Keller, rf.....	2	2	1	0
Getzel, cf.....	1	1	0	0
Miller, lb.....	0	2	0	0
Hoy, if.....	1	2	0	0
Bailey, p.....	1	1	0	0
Totals.....	18	27	5	5

FORGE.

	R.	H.	O. A. K.	
Barnes, c.....	0	0	8	0
Keeler, p.....	0	0	1	0
Kirk, 1b.....	0	1	10	0
J. Miller, 2b.....	0	0	1	2
Gordon, 3b.....	2	1	2	4
C. Miller, 3b.....	0	1	0	2
H. Miller, if.....	2	1	1	0
Peters, cf.....	0	1	0	0
R. Miller, rf.....	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	5	3	24	11

Pleasant Gap..... 5 2 1 0 3 2 0 8-13

Forge..... 0 1 0 1 2 0 0 1 0-5

Two base hits, Stahl 2, Jacobs, Getzel. Bases on balls off Keeler 1, off Bailey 7. Hit by pitched ball, by Keeler 1, by Bailey 3. Struck out by Keeler 5, by Bailey 17. Dropped third strike, Jodon 4.

Arrested on a Grave Charge.

William Sampsel, a porter at the Brant house, was arrested on Monday evening and confined in jail on the very serious charge of attempted criminal assault on Catherine, the six year old child of Mrs. Harry Rine. The man was caught in the act in a small building in the rear of the Bush Arcade by A. W. Moore, manager of the Western Union Telegraph company, and Frank Shugert.

The man was put under arrest, and is now confined to jail. After the arrest he confessed to the crime.

If you are thinking of going to a Normal School this Fall, it will be to your advantage to patronize a well established and thoroughly reputable school. The Lock Haven State Normal School meets these requirements. The Fall term begins Sept. 7th. A catalogue will be sent upon application to the Principal.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

F. C. Edwards, M. D., of Glen Cove, New York, last week was the guest of the family of Rev. J. R. Sechrist, David R. Stover, formerly of Boalsburg, who had been located in Byracuse, Kansas, is now at Lamar, Colorado.

James Lingle, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Lingle, of Earlstown, is visiting his uncle, Robert Lingle, at Milesburg.

Mrs. Mable Pletcher, of New York City, is in Centre Hall the guest of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Sechrist.

Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Bieber returned from their vacation trip Thursday of last week, arriving on the first anniversary of their marriage.

David Barr is the newly appointed postmaster at Pine Grove Mills to succeed Mr. Hess, resigned. The latter has been postmaster at that place during the past twelve years.

Mrs. Anna Spangler, of Centre Hall, passed her eightieth birthday Saturday. She is among the oldest inhabitants in point of age and residence, and carries the respect of her acquaintances.

While playing about an automobile Wednesday evening, Philip, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gross Mingle, fell in such a way as to break the bone in one of his arms. The fracture was between the wrist and elbow, one bone only being broken.

The little three-year-old son of Mrs. H. E. Stover, of Smulltown, was severely burned on the soles of his feet by tramping on live coals that had been thrown into the yard together with a pan of ashes. The burns were dressed by Dr. Hardenburg.

Mr. and Mrs. George Condo and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Snyder and family, the former of Jeannette and the latter of Greensburg, arrived in Centre Hall Saturday having been called here on account of the death of Mrs. Phillip Durst.

The neighbors and friends of Mrs. Ira Grossman, of Potters Mills, congregated at her home Friday night, to celebrate her birthday. There were a number of people present, and besides having a pleasant social gathering, there was an abundance of refreshments.

The Idaho 200-bushel-per-acre wheat story has all been exploded. It is all a fake, and the object was to sell seed wheat to unsuspecting farmers at the most extravagant prices. Stick to the fultz, fulcaster, or any of the standard varieties, Mr. Farmer, and you will come out all right.

In buildings, equipment and reputation, the Lock Haven State Normal School is the equal of the best. Its graduates are its best advertisement. To those who are thinking of becoming teachers, it is an ideal school. The Fall term begins Sept. 7th. Send for its catalogue to the Principal.

The Aaronburg band has secured new uniforms—blue coats and white pantaloons—and are now dressed in the latest fashion. The band will accompany the Bellefonte Castle, K. G. E., to Jersey Shore on the occasion of the Susquehanna District Association meeting to be held on Labor Day, September 7th.

The editors of Everybody's Magazine adopting an ingenious method of getting the Venezuelan row before the public, have selected an advocate for the prosecution, and one for the defense, and have appointed their readers the jury. George W. Crichtfield opens with a startling array of charges backed up by great eloquence and fervor.

Mr. and Mrs. Eimer Hockman and child, of Freeport, Illinois, are in the east and will remain among friends for several weeks. Mr. Hockman is a son of S. Peter Hockman, of Mingo-ville, and has been in Illinois for some years, the past eight or nine years he has been conducting a bakery which business has grown to considerable proportions. Before returning to Illinois, Mr. Hockman will visit his sister, Mrs. B. Gardner Grove, east of Centre Hall.

The Hagens have just completed a number of odd jobs of carpentering in Centre Hall, and are now about to begin the erection of a dwelling house at State College for H. G. Strohmeier, the Centre Hall granite dealer. The dwelling will be 32x36 feet, three stories in height, brick faced, with mansard roof, and will be modern in every way. After that work is completed they will erect a dwelling house for John Zimmerman, near Hecla Park. Mr. Zimmerman lives in Johnstown, and is a plasterer by trade, but expects to come back to Nittany Valley, the home of his boyhood, to live retired, and is making the necessary preparations in advance.