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DEMOCRATIC LEADERS PLEASED.

Jerre S. Black, President of Bryan League, Says Work for Party Is Proceeding Vigorously Throughout Entire State.

"I firmly believe that the prospect of electing from twelve to fifteen Democratic Congressmen in Pennsylvania is very encouraging," was the opinion expressed by Jerre S. Black at the Bryan League headquarters in Philadelphia.

Mr. Black, who is president of the State League, had just returned from Pittsburg, where he met many of the leaders in the Bryan League movement from the western counties. He expressed himself as greatly pleased with the outlook. After a conference last evening with William E. Wallace and J. Burrwood Daly, Mr. Black said:

"The outlook is exceedingly good. I have received reports from almost every county in the State and the Democrats all along the line are more enthusiastic than they have been for years. Those who did not agree with us in 1896 and in 1900 are now in full accord with the platform and the candidates. Additional members of the Executive Committee, whose names and appointments were announced last evening, are all active, loyal men who are anxious to take hold of the work in their respective counties. Within the week they will have all their counties in proper shape to wage a vigorous campaign. In my own county, York, I expect the biggest majority ever given to a Democratic candidate. I have every confidence that Mr. Ziegler will be elected to Congress to succeed Mr. Lafean."

Word was received by Mr. Wallace, chairman of the Campaign Committee of the League, that Bryan League clubs have been formed in Crawford, Clearfield, Adams, Montgomery, Fayette, Northampton, Monroe and Carbon counties. Mr. Wallace said that club organization will be the chief method of campaigning pursued by the league, and that an effort will be made in accord with Chairman Norman E. Mack's idea to form a Bryan club in every district of the State.

THE BANK GUARANTEE PLANK.

Postmaster General Meyer, friend and adviser of Mr. Taft, comes out with an attack on the Democratic platform plank providing for the guaranty of national bank deposits. Mr. Meyer's arguments—if they can be called such—consist of a lot of crude and undigested assertions, backed up by not a scintilla of fact, and of a wholly speculative character. He makes the astounding discovery that a guaranty of deposits would be an injustice to the depositors—the very people protected. He says that this eminently safe and conservative measure would lead to speculation, and talks wildly about its revolutionizing methods of banking.

Such raving is unworthy of a serious answer, and the main significance of Mr. Meyer's tirade is not what he says, but that he has said it at all. That proves that Mr. Meyer has seen what a popular proposal the securing of bank deposits is, and that he thinks the Taft management is not giving enough attention to this issue. By his statement he means to sound a note of alarm, and to tell his fellow workers for Taft and Sherman that they must wake up and invent some real arguments against the Democratic deposit plank.

When he proposes that he proposes an impossible task. The more the guaranty plank is examined, the more strongly it commends itself to the common sense of the American people. It is a sound and distinctly conservative measure, and will be as certainly endorsed at the polls, as there are millions of voters who have national bank deposits and will take the opportunity of protecting them.

The tariff issue which Uncle Joe Cannon, Jim Sherman and John Dazell rejected last session of Congress is now dangerously near the chief of the campaign. Mr. Taft, a day or two late as usual, seconds Mr. Bryan's promise, saying that if elected he, too, will call an extraordinary session of Congress to consider the matter. The chief value of these promises is that the congressmen who are now trying to be elected will be the men to tackle the tariff problem under either Taft or Bryan. It is for the country to say whether it wants the sort of revision the Cannon crowd will give, or some thing different. They have the chance to say what they think of the present regime here and to give the new President a House that will do something if they want that something done. Congressmen at the present stage of the game are as important as the President. Keep this in mind, and remember that if you elect W. Harrison Walker he will favor tariff revision in accord with Democratic beliefs.

Only a fool can make a mistake without learning something.

MISS HUSTON AS A SURGEON.

Entertains Little Lad on Her Knee While She Removes Flesh Rattlesnake Had Poisoned.

A heroic act performed at the right time by Miss Isabella Huston, of Clintondale, was the means of saving the life of Rand McManus, a little lad of Williamsport. The boy accompanied by his mother and others were picnicking at Hecla Park, and while walking through the gap near there, the reptile struck at the lad just above the shoe top. The cries of the child created a panic in the party, and just then an automobile came rolling along, and stopping asked the cause of the commotion. No sooner was the story related than Miss Huston had the lad on her knees, and while entertaining him by relating tales that would interest any live boy, her hands were deftly at work. His shoes were removed; a handkerchief was tightly tied above the wound; a knife was borrowed and sterilized by holding the blade in the flames of burning matches, and a portion of the flesh surrounding the point where the reptile had sunk its poisonous fangs was removed. The fresh wound was dressed, and instructions given to take the lad to a physician. This was done, but no other aid was needed than to again dress the wound, all appearances of poison having disappeared.

Miss Huston is the daughter of J. H. Huston, of Clintondale, and performed her deed of mercy and surgery without ever making known her name, which fact was only discovered by the mother after the dust of the auto on its departure had settled.

Hot Shot from Milton.

The Milton Standard in one of its issues last week printed the following editorial:

The editor of the Keystone Gazette charges that the Democrats are backed by the liquor interests in Indiana and Ohio. The Standard is not prepared to dispute this statement. But why should Editor Harter go so far away from home to locate a rum dominated party when he could put his finger on one right here at home. The political machine and the liquor interests are so closely identified in this state that when one is pinched they both squeal. The last primary election in this county demonstrated beyond cavil that the liquor interests control the local Republican organization, and what is true of this county is true of practically every other county in the state. Eliminate the liquor influence and Penrose would not be in the running when a United States senator is to be chosen, and a new Republican party would rise up in place of the booze-inspired, graft-ribbed organization that desecrates the name of the party of Lincoln and Chase and Seward.

In comparing candidates as to ability or as to deserving public recognition, you can come to our conclusion in weighing the case of George F. Weaver, the Democratic candidate for Register, and that is that he is eminently fitted for the office he seeks, and that he is also deserving. Mr. Weaver has been handicapped to a considerable extent as a bread-winner, but the winter months he spent in the school room, and the summer months on the farm of his father, and it was largely through his earnings that the modest "old home" is now sheltering his aging parents. He is deserving of recognition, and a vote for Weaver means a vote for an honest, capable, frugal young man.

The Republican party cannot deny that its boasted prosperity has been that of a few at the expense of many. The recent panic has knocked the bottom out of the full dinner-pail argument. They admit that the country is now in an evil state because of tariff and trust encroachments. They admit that they have been in control of all branches of the Government for the past twelve years. They admit that they haven't done anything much to correct the evils, but Mr. Taft promises that they will get busy at once if given another chance.

Speaker Cannon is having almost as warm a time as though he were a candidate for the Presidency. The Democratic platform arraigns him for his despotism in the House, and in all the Methodist churches in Nebraska a letter was read denouncing the Speaker for his attitude toward temperance legislation, and calling upon Methodists to vote for no candidate for Congress who will not pledge himself to vote for some other candidate for Speaker.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following letters remain unclaimed in the Centre Hall postoffice, September 1, 1908: Mrs. Ella May Mitchell, Mr. George W. Zerby. When called for please say advertised. G. M. BOAL, Postmaster.

A FEW OF THE EXHIBITORS

Who Will be at the Grange Encampment and Fair—September 12 to 15.

The Weaver Organ and Piano Company of York will make a large display of instruments at the Grange Encampment and Fair.

This is one of the best musical instrument companies in the state. They will furnish a piano for the auditorium during the Encampment, installing the instrument for the opening entertainment Saturday evening.

Ralph Stover, of Aaronburg, will exhibit a full line of gasoline engines. Foreman & Smith will have on hand a large supply of agricultural implements.

J. H. Weber, of Centre Hall, will place a full line of farm implements on exhibition.

Howard Webb, of Chester county, will have on exhibition a hot air engine and other farm machinery.

The Smith Brothers, of Spring Mills, will make an exhibit of stoves and furniture.

Samuel Ertle, of Georges Valley, will place on exhibition an ancient loom. There will also be a complete exhibit of machinery used for the manufacture of flax in the early days. Henry Millard & Henry Company, of York, will exhibit a full line of gasoline engines.

David Bradford and Henry Homan, of Centre Hall; H. D. Rossman, of Spring Mills, and the Vermont Farm Machine Company will exhibit cream separators and dairy utensils.

Garitte & Son, of Philadelphia, will place on exhibition a large display of clothing.

There will also be a large exhibit of groceries in a Grange house.

W. A. Huber, of Mechanicsburg, will again occupy half of the large building with an exhibit of notions and novelties.

Telephone Line Through Nittany.

The farmers in lower Nittany Valley are becoming aroused to appreciate the value of the telephone on the farm, and at a meeting held at the Clinton house, Lock Haven, the following officers, says the Clinton Democrat, were elected:

President, H. M. Snyder; vice president, D. C. Grieb; treasurer, C. H. Long; secretary, M. G. Goffey. The directors elected are G. M. Raup, John O. Rosser, C. A. Heckman, C. C. Royer, O. B. Hills, D. C. Grieb, and Dr. A. B. Painter.

The new organization will be known as the Mill Hall and Nittany Telephone company and is launched for the betterment of the service through Mill Hall and Nittany Valley.

The new line will start at Lemaar and will be nine miles in length, coming down through the valley and connecting with the Bell lines at Mill Hall, from where they will connect with the Bell exchange at Lock Haven.

There are at present twenty-four subscribers and many others have signed their intention to have phones put in as soon as the line is completed. Patrons will have all privileges through the Lock Haven exchange.

S. G. Smedes, of Williamsport, superintendent of the Bell telephone and rural service, was at the meeting and gave the promoters some very good points.

Too Free in Awarding Damages.

Judge Criwell, of Franklin, pared down from \$1,500 to \$900 a verdict against Oil City in favor of a woman for injuries sustained by the latter in falling on a defective sidewalk. He incidentally criticised the tendency on the part of jurors to render verdicts in negligence causes which would ordinarily be regarded as in excess of a reasonable compensation for the injury sustained. He said this was especially true in cases against municipalities and corporations. The same rules, he said, should apply to these as to individuals.

With all this fairness on the part of the judge, it would be much cheaper for cities and boroughs to prevent steps, traps and toboggan slides on its sidewalks, thus preventing accidents for which the municipality might become liable.

Seed Sowing.

It was the exception during the past three or four years to sow wheat in this locality in August, though some years previous it was common. This season farmers are well on with their work and the fall seeding was begun as early as August 25th, and the last few days of the month sowing may be considered as having been general. On some of the larger farms, however, the work is not so far on, but yet in advance of last year. As a rule early sowing develops the strongest wheat plants, and encourages stooling, and better prepares the crop to withstand exposure during the winter months.

When fame and fortune travel together fame generally takes a back seat.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Paragraphs Picked from Exchanges of Interest to Reporter Readers.

Milheim Journal—

Miss Ruth Kerstetter, of Lock Haven, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jesse Kremer.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Snyder, of Sunbury, were visitors at the home of Miss Lizzie Keen.

Mrs. James Hoover and son, James, of Millinburg, were visitors in town several days last week.

Joseph Alters and family, of Bellefonte, were guests of Mrs. Elizabeth Alters several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kern, of Cincinnati, O., spent the past week with Mr. Kern's mother, Mrs. Susan Kern.

Mrs. Ann M. Casswell, of Coatesville, arrived in this place Wednesday morning and will remain a few days as a guest of Miss Lizzie Keen.

W. J. Harter, lumberman of Harter, W. Va., who is spending some time at his home near Courtn, was a business visitor in town Monday afternoon.

Mrs. E. B. McMullen and two sons, Samuel and William, accompanied Mrs. Grace Reed, Wednesday, to her home at Harrisburg, where they will spend a week.

Mrs. William Leiser and granddaughter, Pauline Leiser, of Sunbury, spent several days the past week at the home of Henry Beaver, north of Millheim.

E. H. Frank, of Presho, S. D., was a caller at the Journal office Wednesday forenoon. Mr. Frank came east on account of attending the funeral of his mother and the serious illness of his father, Thomas Frank.

Mrs. Chestie Foust, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Nora Fetterhoff, Mrs. Rosie A. Blair and daughter, Elizabeth, of Williamsport; Mrs. W. H. Klepper, and son Paul and daughter Dorothy, of Lock Haven, are visitors at the home of William Kremer.

A lawn party was held at the home of Mrs. H. Terresta Stover on Friday evening. A large number of Mrs. Stover's friends assembled at her home to welcome her on her return from several weeks' visit at Philadelphia and Ocean City.

Landlord I. A. Shawver of the National Hotel has finished the improvements to the interior of his barroom and now has every convenience at his command. Mr. Shawver wants everything up-to-date and will not be satisfied until it is so.

On account of the low water in the streams E. B. McMullen has W. A. Gulsuite with his gasoline engine to run his roller flour mills on East Main street. Not in years has the water in Elk creek been so low as this year, and it will take a continuous rain of several days to effect the flow of water to be of any benefit to the industries located along the stream.

Monday while W. J. Mauck, the Nittany Valley butcher, was driving down Penn street at a rapid gait one of the front wheels of his wagon suddenly became loose from the axle and ran ahead of the horses. The instant the horses saw it they became frightened and started to run away. Mr. Mauck was at first unable to hold the horses, but finally, with the assistance of E. H. Auman, who was close by, succeeded in checking them.

Quarters at the Camp.

During the Grange Exhibition and Fair, the Centre Reporter will again occupy its old location on the north side of the Main avenue. There will be two tents, both for the accommodation of the Reporter readers and their friends. One tent will be exclusively for the mothers having with them little children, more particularly babies, and will be arranged and furnished with that end in view. These tents—the Reporter headquarters—will be open at all hours from eight o'clock a. m. to 10:30 p. m. to the Reporter readers and their friends.

Keith's Theatre.

This week at Keith's Theatre, Philadelphia, marks the initial presentation of a timely feature, Edgar Allen Wolf's one-act comedy, "In the Subway." J. K. Murray and Clara Lane are entertaining in their singing sketch, "A Knight at Home." Middleton, Speltzyer and Company offer a sprightly play of western life; Fred Watson and the Morrison Sisters are a singing and dancing trio; Leo Donnelly, reporter, soldier and entertainer, is delighting everyone with his monologues. There are many other artists in song and monologue, and as a further attraction there is the patriotic military sensation, called "Our Boys in Blue."

The Millinburg Weekly News is a new venture by Messrs. I. H. Gutelius and M. C. Guyer, the former publisher and the latter city editor. It is a decidedly bright, clean, newsy sheet, and enjoys a good line of advertising. The paper is largely devoted to local news and omits all political matter.

Stories of Famous Hymns.

From week to week the Reporter will publish the stories of a few of the most popular hymns. These stories are based on facts, and will be interesting to the average reader.

"FROM GREENLAND'S ICY MOUNTAINS."

This well known missionary hymn was composed in almost as short a time as was the "Sweet By and By." In 1819 there was issued a royal letter requesting that a collection be taken in the English churches in behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the gospel in Foreign Parts. The hymn was composed by Reginald Heber to be sung on this occasion. He was at that time visiting his father-in-law, Dean Shipley, then Rector of Wrexham, who knew Heber's unusual ability for swift composition. One Saturday, as the Dean and Heber, with several others, were sitting in the rectory talking, the Dean suddenly turned to Heber and requested him to write a missionary hymn to accompany the sermon on foreign missions which he was going to preach on the following morning.

Readily complying with the request, Heber went to another part of the room and dashed off in a few minutes the first three stanzas of the hymn. These he brought and read to the Dean and his friends, and was immediately informed that they were exactly what was wanted. After glancing over them again, Mr. Heber said, "No the sense is not yet complete," and in a few moments he had written the magnificent last stanza of the hymn as it stands to-day.

Brief Sketch of Miss Pearce.

Miss Jane Boggs Pearce, who died at the home of her niece, Mrs. J. T. McCormick, at State College, and mention of which was made in last week's issue, was a familiar figure about Potters Mills for half a century. Aunt Jane, as she was familiarly known, was born near Linden Hall, this county, Oct. 2, 1818, and had lived until next October she would have reached the ripe old age of ninety. She was the daughter of the Rev. Marmaduke Pearce, at one time one of the leading pioneer Methodist ministers of this state. Her mother was a daughter of Fergus Potter, who owned the Potter homestead near Linden Hall, and which is still in the possession of the Potters. She and her sister, Nancy Pearce, lived together in their home in Potters Mills for over 50 years. After her sister's death, about six years ago, her mind became weak and she was taken to State College, where she spent the rest of her days with her niece. She was a consistent and devoted member of the M. E. church, a great reader, kind and generous; a good woman. She is survived by one brother, the Rev. John J. Pearce, of Connetquot, O.; two nieces, Mrs. Dr. Hutchison, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. J. T. McCormick, of State College, and a nephew, C. P. Hewes, Esq., of Erie.

Injured by Lightning.

A short time ago Luther G. Peters, of Oak Hall, was seriously injured by lightning which struck his barn during a storm which passed over that part of the country. Mr. Peters was standing in the door-way of his barn when a bolt of lightning struck the opposite end of the building, passing through the entry way to the door where he stood. At the time he was wearing a felt hat, which was torn to pieces, but which probably saved his life, by deflecting the bolt. Medical attention was at once summoned, but for more than an hour he remained unconscious from the effects of the stroke. The physicians declared that had it not been for his felt hat he would almost certainly have been killed. Though his experience was a very serious one, he is now getting along splendidly.

New U. Ev. Church.

Plans have been completed and work started on a new mission chapel which will be erected by the Lewistown and Burnham mission of the United Evangelical church, of which Rev. E. I. Confer is the pastor. The structure will be built of brick, will cost between \$1200 and \$1500 and will be ready for occupancy before cold weather sets in. The building will be located at the corner of Green avenue and Brown street and will be known as the Trinity United Evangelical Chapel.

Good Boarding House.

The committee is fortunate in getting James Decker, of Pine Grove Mills, to conduct the boarding on Grange Park, during the Encampment and Exhibition. This assures three good meals each day.

Penns Valley Potato Crop.

Not in twenty years has the potato crop in Penns Valley been as light as it will be this season. Not only will the crop be light in yield, but the size of the tubers will be much below the average.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

General John Taylor, of Reedsville, attended a reunion of Confederate veterans at Culpeper, Virginia.

During the nights last week the thermometer hovered between forty-five and forty-eight. Pretty cold for August weather.

Mrs. Flora O. Bairfoot went to Philadelphia Friday morning, as did also Mrs. Lucy Henney. They will be gone but for a short time.

Misses Daisy Brisbin and Carrie Bayard, both of Bellefonte, have secured positions as instructors in the Scotland Orphan's Home.

Prof. W. T. Meyer, of Philadelphia, is spending part of his summer vacation in Bellefonte, as the guest of his brother, J. C. Meyer, Esq.

Who will say a good word in these columns encouraging the observing of "Old Home Week" for Centre Hall and Potter township some time next summer?

W. S. Dillett, of Milroy, who formerly lived in Centre Hall, is confined to the house on account of an injury received to his arm while in the mountains above that place.

The mother and the babies who attend the Grange Encampment and Fair will be cared for if they call at the Reporter's headquarters. A tent will be furnished especially for them, and all accommodations free.

Among the State Grange officers who will attend the Encampment and Fair are W. F. Hill, Master; J. T. Ailman, Secretary; I. Frank Chandler, C. H. Dildine and William Armstrong, of the Executive Committee.

"The Pat Garity Summer Resort" has been doing a rushing business through the entire summer. It is located in the heart of the Seven Mountains, where disease and pestilence is unknown, and none die except of old age.

Prof. John Andy Young, at one time principal of the Centre Hall High School, but now holding the position of supervising principal of the Lock Haven Schools, and Miss Tabolekie, of Erie, were married last month.

This is from the Howard Hustler: Ground has been broken for the first Reformed church, on Tuesday they commenced digging out the foundation and cellar. It is located on Main street opposite Webers store, and will be a fine one when completed.

The only way to decrease the amount of smut corn, is to pluck off the smut-balls and burn them. Corn smut spreads rapidly if the smut-balls are thrown on the manure pile and the manure spread on corn-fields. Never throw a smut-ball on the manure-pile!

William M. Swabb, one of the Harris township road masters, was a caller last week. He is very much pleased with the progress being made on the Boalsburg-Oak Hall state road, and thinks the township will build another section with state aid, it being the road between Linden Hall and the Potter township line.

Mrs. Myra Frazier, of Wakefield, Kan., was an arrival in Bellefonte for a visit at the home of her brother, Wm. Kramer, and with other relatives and friends in Centre county. Seventeen years ago Mrs. Frazier departed from her home in Pleasant Gap for the West and this is her first visit to the county in all those years.

C. W. Booser has learned the art of concrete work construction, and has built several very substantial and smooth ones, among them being the walks to the front of the lots of Mrs. Margaret E. Bailey, Harry E. Shirik and Mrs. Lucy Henney. The Bailey walk was put down by contract, W. Gross Mingle having the matter in charge.

The time to cut corn is generally given as "when it is glazed; that is, when the shucks are white and the leaves are turning." Some, however, think it best to let their corn stand longer until the grain is hardened, thinking that the increased value of the grain more than pays for the loss of fodder, says an exchange. Such a method is not safe to advise. When the corn is glazed and the leaves begin to turn in color, the work of the stalk is over.

Among the most recent new subscribers to the Centre Reporter is Rev. John A. Bright, pastor of the Lutheran church, at Campus, Kansas. Rev. Bright is a native of Aaronburg, and professes an acquaintance with this paper when issued in that town under its German title, The Centre Berichter, some fifty years ago. Rev. Bright devotes part of his time to evangelistic and children's missionary work, in which line he has been very successful, having been on these missions in a number of western states.