



### THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

The Democratic Press Not Too Favorable to the Allentown Nominees.

The Pittsburg Post, as well as a number of other Democratic newspapers throughout the state, is not well pleased with the outcome of the Allentown convention. The Post editorially says:

The exhibition that has been given in Allentown this week, and which culminated in nomination of a Democratic State ticket, is enough to make an old line Democrat angry all the way through. The meeting has been a series of mistakes and the result anything but what the party in fullest sense might desire, or what it would have done had its members been absolutely free.

The first mistake was holding the convention at such an early time.

The statement is freely made that this was for a purpose and under the dictation of those who seek to manipulate the Democratic party as if it were some private enterprise. It is even said that the man selected to head the ticket was chosen by the Republican boss of the State so that he might have a puppet for his own party in the gubernatorial chair. This is a subject that should be and will be fully investigated.

The action of LaRue Munson in withdrawing from the ticket at the eleventh hour is beyond comprehension, and deserves the severest condemnation.

All signs point to the speedy elimination of the personal element in managing the affairs of the Democratic party, which, owing to this, has largely lost its sense of responsibility and somewhat of the courage of its convictions. Freed from personal domination, with the delegates free to act in their own best judgment, working for the best interests of the party as a whole, it could rehabilitate itself, and by forcing the fighting in the open, win where in the past it has lost.

A sign has gone up from all over the State for a return to the days when the prominent and influential leaders of the different counties met in conference, discussed policies, chose a ticket and determined on a platform that would best conserve the interests of the party at large.

The ticket chosen at Allentown may not be the strongest, but even at that it is vastly better than the one that will be dictated by the Philadelphia whose reputation and methods are so well and so offensively known by voters of the state. Penrose and Penroseism ought to be eliminated from the Democratic nominees. Democracy will clean its own household, and in doing that also bring about a decided change for the affairs of the State.

### Berry Loyal, Though Hurt.

Asked if he would take off his coat for the candidates in the campaign, Berry replied, "Sure, I am a Democrat, and I will vote the whole ticket." But Berry mixed some bitterness with this, saying:

"I was defeated because I would not be an accessory before the fact to the murder of the Democratic party, and refused to join in the assassination of decent sentiment in this State."

The Philadelphia Record is pleading with Senator Grim to decline the nomination for Governor given him at the Allentown convention, which it states was accomplished by the trickery of the Republican machine and the liquor interests. This is good advice and should be accepted.

But—who, but one man, the Pittsburg, could accomplish what was done at Allentown? And has not the Philadelphia Record and the Pittsburg been emptying their little streams into the same horn for a number of years?

The sentiment to reconvene the Democratic convention is growing, and if it can be done under the rules of the party, John G. Harman, the permanent chairman, says he will not hesitate to do so.

It is probable that all chances to win at the November election have been lost, but the party can redeem its good name.

The Philadelphia Record favors the re-calling of the Democratic convention. The Record should also recall some of the trash it printed before the convention, the object of which was to prevent the nomination of the people's choice for governor.

Things are never so bad but that they could be worse. So it is with the Democratic ticket named at Allentown. It is not as bad as the ticket that will be made by the Republicans in this state.

The chances are that a thorough physical examination of Mr. Munson, that Williamsport man, would reveal other weakness than that of the heart.

### LUMBAGO AGAIN, PERHAPS.

"Our" Calvin J. Pfrom Doing Time in Pen for Stealing Clothing from D. C. Keller.

On reading the indefinite account of the arrest and imprisonment of "our" Calvin J. Pfrom, a letter of inquiry, accompanied by a photo of Pfrom was sent to West Chester asking for details. The letter was mis-carried but finally reached its destination, and in reply to it David M. Golden, sheriff of Chester county, sends the Reporter this message:

"In answer to your letter of inquiry, I will say that this is your man, Calvin J. Pfrom. He was indicted for stealing blankets, bureau covers, night shirt, sheets, etc. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the Eastern Penitentiary, located in Philadelphia, for a term of not more than three years, nor less than nine months, and to pay a fine of \$300.00 and costs of the case.

Pfrom stole these articles from a man by the name of Keller, a farmer, over near Phoenixville which is about sixteen miles from here, in this county.

His past record, as far as known, was sent by the clerk of our court to the authorities at the penitentiary, and I think he will be compelled to serve the most of his sentence.

The next time that we go down to the Pen we will try to get them to give us a photo of him taken the day that he entered, and if it can be secured, it will be forwarded to you."

From is at last getting what is due him. He had an easy time of it in Centre county, and but for a short term he served in the local jail for stealing turkeys from the Bibles, and his term in Pittsburg for stealing corn from James S. Stahl, he was let go free, and carry on his thefts for forty or more years.

While in the Centre county jail, charged with the murder of Josiah C. Dale, he tied towels and bed clothing around his body the day he was discharged, and on being discovered made the plea that he had lumbago, and had used the articles as a bandage to relieve his pain.

At another time he made up a bundle to send to Centre Hall, which when opened at the sheriff's office was found to contain property belonging to the jail.

If he is made to serve the maximum sentence, he will be able to get back to Centre Hall long before he will be welcomed.

The Mr. Keller referred to by the sheriff as the person from whom the goods were stolen is ex-Treasurer D. C. Keller, formerly of Centre Hall, with whom Pfrom engaged as a farm hand.

### QUICK ACTION OF THE COURT.

There was quick action on the part of the officials whose duty it is to enforce the law. On Saturday afternoon Pfrom was arrested and by Monday the court had already found him guilty, and sentenced him. The prisoner made a poor impression on the court officials, owing to his inclination to be "sassy" when questioned.

Instead of going to the penitentiary on Monday, it was Pfrom's intention to return to Centre Hall on that day, and it was his preparation for this trip that was largely responsible for his imprisonment. He had loaded up his valise for the home journey and had placed it at the home of a neighbor to Mr. Keller. In his valise, when examined by the sheriff, were dishes, etc., the property of Mrs. Keller. This left no room for defense. Of course, he had committed numerous other thefts in the home of Mr. Keller, who had always been very friendly to him.

### "Licked" Beyond Measure.

"A boy handed his teacher the following note recently: Dear sir—Please excuse James for not being present yesterday. He played truant, but you needn't whip him for it, as the boy he played truant with fell out with him and licked James; and a man they threw stones at caught him and licked him, then the driver of a cart they hung onto licked him; and the owner of a cat they chased licked him. Then I licked him when he came home, after which his father licked him for being impudent to me for telling his father. So you need not lick him until next time."

### College and Benner for State Road.

The people of College township have awakened to the importance of having good roads. Some time ago they made application for a State road from the Benner township line westward to Lemont, and on to the State College borough line. This will be several miles in extent and there is the best assurance that it will be built.

This week an application was made for another strip of State road in the same township which would connect Lemont with the State road in Harris township south of Oak Hall leading to Roalsburg, with a small spur included from Oak Hall to the railroad station.

### LIBRARIES FOR RURAL DISTRICTS.

The Only Expense is the Transportation—Books the Best to be Had—How to Get Them.

During the beginning of January the Reporter made reference to the action of the Free Library Commission by which libraries were distributed throughout the rural districts. During the past winter about three hundred and fifty localities in the state have been supplied with books for the use of the people. There are at least two of these libraries in Penna Valley—one at Centre Hall, under the care of Progress Grange, and the other at Tusseyville, secured by William R. Neff, and both libraries are well patronized.

This work is under the direction of the Pennsylvania Free Library commission, with headquarters in the state library at Harrisburg. It is supported by the state and the only expense to the people who get books is the transportation. The plan followed in getting the books is as follows:

Twelve taxpayers of the community sign an application and appoint a real estate owner to be trustee, who becomes responsible for the return of the books. The trustee appoints a librarian to look after the work. The application is then sent to the commission, and, if everything is satisfactory will be granted. In order to make the expense of transportation the same to every one, no matter what the distance from Harrisburg may be a charge of one dollar is made, which shall be sent with the application, and then the freight is paid by the commission both going and coming.

The books used in this work are the best that can be secured. No attempt is made to keep up the current fiction, but the collection is kept up to date in the best sense. An effort is made to meet any need for books, no matter what it may be. If a community desires a collection for use as a free library it will contain fifty volumes, twenty-five stories and twenty-five of history, travel, biography, etc. These may be used for six months and then exchanged for a new collection.

If a study club wishes books to aid it in carrying on its course of study, a collection is made up covering the season covered by the course. If an individual wishes books for study they will be selected accordingly.

If a school teacher wishes a library for the use of the pupils and patrons of the schools she can get one suitable for that purpose. These books, of course, being the property of the State, must be free to anyone in the community without any restrictions. If a borrower proves irresponsible the privilege of using the books may be withdrawn and she may be made to make good any damages, but no fee may be charged for the use of the books nor may they be limited to the use of a certain set.

Anyone interested should write to the commission and get further information. Centre County Sunday-School Convention. The Centre County Sunday-School Convention, will be held in Snow Shoe, on June 29th and 30th, beginning at 8 p. m., on the 29th. There will be a number of able speakers, including State field workers, and a good program. The sessions will be full of instruction and interest to all who are interested in Sunday-school work.

We hope that every Sunday-school in the county will send a delegate to this convention. This will be the annual meeting at which all denominations affiliate, and gain new enthusiasm for the work.

All delegates and speakers who expect to attend this convention are requested to send their names to Miss Anna Park, chairman of the entertainment committee, Snow Shoe.

L. W. NUTTALL, County Secretary

### Deaths in Near by Counties.

Beneville Bachman, in West Buffalo township, Union county, aged eighty-six years.

Jacob W. Johnson, a well known contractor and builder of Milton, fell from a building and was killed.

Announcement was made that Dr. Charles T. Aikens, president of Susquehanna University, had withdrawn his tendered resignation and would continue indefinitely in his executive position. His reconsideration was occasioned by the wish of the executive committee, which voted a refusal to accept his request to be relieved.

### The July number of the Woman's Home Companion is a vacation number containing the best ideas and stories and held together by the one big idea of Fourth of July.

Hay tools, the best in the market—Weber Brothers, Centre Hall and Oak Hall Station.

### TO REPORTER SUBSCRIBERS.

The Centre Reporter is indebted to a large number of subscribers for remittances made during the past ten days. In a few instances Reporter patrons took offense at the bills sent them. They appear to have been under the impression that the statement "that the Postoffice Department requires arrearsages to be paid up to within twelve months, if we wish the use of the mails," to be a falsehood, and only conceived to aid in making collections. The great majority of our readers who have responded, have accepted the conditions in their true light, and advanced their subscription one year.

It is again urged that the Reporter readers make prompt remittance. In most cases it is a matter of neglect rather than an unwillingness to pay subscription, and now, since credit cannot be extended over twelve months, bills must be sent out and collections made.

### GRIM FOR GOVERNOR.

Nominated on First Ballot by a Vote of 191 to 109 for Berry—Munson has Heart Trouble.

It is presumed that "Dr." James M. Guffy informed C. La Rue Munson that his heart was too weak to stand the strain of a campaign, with himself at the head of the ticket, and just before the convention assembled, Mr. Munson withdrew, leaving State Senator Webster Grim and ex-Treasurer William H. Berry in the field, with the Pittsburg boss favoring the former. The first ballot, which is given in detail in this article, resulted in one hundred and ninety-one delegates casting their votes for Grim and one hundred and nine for Berry. The people were with Mr. Berry, cheered him to the echo and cheered again, but Pittsburg and Philadelphia, where the Democratic party is a side-show to the Republican organization, casts its votes for Grim, and that settled it.

For Lieutenant Governor—Samuel B. Price, of Scranton, was named; for Secretary of Internal Affairs—James I. Blakeslee, of Carbon county, and for State Treasurer—Samuel B. Phillips, of Somerset county.

The Munson leaders, outside of Mr. Guffy, were paralyzed on hearing Munson's message referring to his weak heart, and up to this time have had no satisfactory explanations for his action.

### POINTS IN PLATFORM.

Free raw materials. The lightest possible tax on the necessities of life. Luxuries should bear the greatest burden.

The products of monopolies and oppressive trusts should be made to face the free competition of the markets of the world that the people may not be subjected to arbitrary exactions. No special privileges.

The needs of the consumer and the comforts of the many to be considered before the profits of the few. Strict economy in every department of the National and state government.

Strict supervision of moneys expended for charitable institutions. Favor income tax, and declare for a proposed constitutional amendment; arbitration in all labor disputes; codification of the school laws, and a liberal appropriation for school purposes.

Favor appropriations for good roads; the building of state roads from county centers. Declare for an amendment of our ballot laws, so that the assistance to voters in the booth be forbidden, the ballot shortened and simplified and absolute secrecy secured in casting the same.

Declare for such legislation as will effectually prevent the nomination of minority party candidates by voters of the majority party by inflicting heavy penalties upon those who falsely and fraudulently represent themselves to be entitled to the minority ballot at primary elections.

### VOTE FOR GOVERNOR

The vote by counties for the nomination for governor is appended.

FOR GRIM	FOR BERRY
Adams.....	3 Allegheny.....
Allegheny.....	27 Armstrong.....
Berks.....	13 Beaver.....
Blair.....	2 Bedford.....
Bucks.....	4 Blair.....
Cambria.....	1 Bradford.....
Cameron.....	1 Butler.....
Carbon.....	2 Cambria.....
Clarke.....	2 Carbon.....
Clearfield.....	2 Centre.....
Clinton.....	2 Chester.....
Columbia.....	2 Clearfield.....
Crawford.....	1 Columbia.....
Dauphin.....	1 Crawford.....
Erie.....	2 Cumberland.....
Fayette.....	3 Dauphin.....
Fulton.....	1 Delaware.....
Greene.....	1 Forest.....
Lehigh.....	7 Franklin.....
Luzerne.....	13 Greener.....
Lycoming.....	6 Huntingdon.....
McKean.....	1 Indiana.....
Mercer.....	1 Jefferson.....
Mifflin.....	1 Juniata.....
Monroe.....	1 Lackawanna.....
Montgomery.....	1 Lancaster.....
Northampton.....	6 Lawrence.....
Northumberland.....	7 Lebanon.....
Philadelphia.....	62 Lehigh.....
Pike.....	1 Luzerne.....
Schuylkill.....	6 Mercer.....
Snyder.....	1 Mifflin.....
Somerset.....	1 Montgomery.....
Sullivan.....	1 Montour.....
Susquehanna.....	1 Northampton.....
	1 Perry.....

Venango.....	1	Potter.....	2
Wayne.....	1	Schuylkill.....	3
Westmoreland.....	11	Tioga.....	1
Wyoming.....	1	Union.....	1
York.....	8	Warren.....	1
		Washington.....	3
Total.....	191	Total.....	109

### WANTS CONVENTION RECONVENED.

The Pottsville Evening Chronicle makes a plea for the reconvening of the Democratic State Convention that meets approval with many prominent Democrats. The Chronicle says:

"In view of developments indicating that the Democratic State convention was tricked by Republicans of high standing and influence, would it not be well to recall the State convention, have the present nominees withdrawn and nominate a clean ticket which would be above suspicion as having profited by Republican machine manipulation?"

"Senator Grim, if he persists in running as a candidate for Governor under the circumstances, will stamp himself as a party to the deal under which Democratic voters have been betrayed. There is already a grave suspicion that Grim was informed in advance, of Munson's intended action, and that this put life into what was otherwise a hopeless candidacy."

### MUNSON BETRAYED PARTY.

In an interview had by the Public Ledger with ex-State Treasurer William H. Berry, he made the statement that Munson betrayed the Democratic party, and that it was Munson's influence and Munson's money that defeated Cressy, and that this latter act became known and was one of the reasons that caused Munson to withdraw. On this subject Mr. Berry said: "Do you suppose the honest self-respecting Democrats of this state would support a candidate for Governor who aided in the defeat of that honest man Cressy? That Cressy story would have been spread broadcast, along with some other stories."

"I make no secret of the fact that I am greatly disappointed, for I feel that I was the choice of the Democracy of the state, and that had the bosses of the party not prevented the voters from instructing the delegates I would easily have won."

"It is not far to go for the reason of the bitterness of the Democratic organization against me. My position on the local option question is well known, and of course that would not suit the liquor influence in the party. Furthermore, I would not wear the collar. I would not take the office of Governor if I had to accept the conditions the leaders wanted to impose."

### 172 Students Graduate.

One hundred and seventy-two students graduated from Pennsylvania State College. Of this number, four were in the course of liberal arts, two in home economics course, seven in agriculture, one in agricultural chemistry, seven in forestry, seven horticulture, one in biology, one in chemistry, three in industrial chemistry, twenty-seven in civil engineering, seven in sanitary engineering, thirty-eight in electrical engineering, one in electrochemical engineering, twenty-three in mechanical engineering, two in industrial engineering, seven in metallurgical engineering, and twenty-one in mining engineering.

The following trustees have been re-elected by the alumni: Ellis L. Orvis, of Bellefonte; James E. Quigley, of Pittsburg, and W. H. Walker, of Boston, Mass. By delegates: Andrew Carnegie, of Pittsburg; William E. Hill, of Huntingdon; H. V. White, of Bloomsburg, and Professor F. E. Mengis, of York.

### Important to Auditors.

On the third day of May, 1909, a law was passed by the legislature charging auditors with the duty of posting in at least five places in the district, copies of the auditors' statements, which are to be in the form of printed hand bills, and also file a copy of the same with the town clerk as well as one with the clerk of the courts. The posting and filing of these statements is to be done within ten days from the time the accounts are settled. The law also embraces the auditors' report of the school district. The act referred to is No. 221, Laws of Pennsylvania, 1909.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Miss Claire Durst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Durst, of near Heedsville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Harper, in Centre Hall.

William W. Parker, Charles McClenahan and Andy Moyer, all of near Centre Hall, have steady employment at the White Rock lime kilns.

The successful candidate for governor of Pennsylvania will have a majority in November of about one hundred and fifty thousand votes.

Mrs. Frank M. Crawford and son Francis made a trip to Williamsport to consult an eye specialist. The son's eyes have been giving him trouble for some time.

Mrs. Susanna Sweeney, widow of the late George W. Sweeney, accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Andrew Gregg, to Scranton on Monday, where she will make her home for the present.

If you are in need of a buggy, carriage, wagon of any kind, call to see us. If we do not have on hand what you want, we can get it for you.—J. H. and S. E. Weber, Centre Hall and Oak Hall Station.

The Journal says this: It is rumored that certain parties will resume the prospecting for coal in the mountains north of Millheim in the near future, and that a diamond drill will be used for that purpose.

Charley, son of Charles Lytle, of the Branch, had a close call for his life the other Sunday. While he and others were playing on the barn floor he fell out of the door onto a pile of stones in the barn yard, cutting an ugly gash in his head.

A booklet has been prepared for free distribution by the Pennsylvania State College that is of special interest to farmers whose sons contemplate entering as students in the Agriculture Department. A request sent to that department will bring the booklet.

Thomas Keefer, of Youngwood, has been a guest at the home of ex-Sheriff Brungart, during the past few days, being a friend of his daughter, Miss Cora. He is a brother of Miss Gertrude Keefer, who is known to a large number of the young people in Centre Hall.

Mrs. Reeves, wife of Dr. Robert Reeves, of Paulsboro, New Jersey, is the guest of Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs, in Centre Hall. Mrs. Reeves was formerly Miss Van Valzah, and has interests here, being the owner of what is generally known as the Van Valzah farm, west of Centre Hall.

Mrs. William F. Floray was taken to the Bellefonte hospital Saturday, and Sunday underwent an operation. She has since been getting along very well, and her friends here are glad to know of the present bright prospects for her recovery from the effects of the operation and general improvement of her health.

The continuous rains greatly interfered with the building of concrete walks in Centre Hall by Messrs. Mingle and Boozer, but now they have completed the work begun some time ago for Messrs. George H. Emerick and B. D. Brisbin, and now a walk is under way to the front of the properties of Messrs. Daniel Wion and Henry Swab.

Besides being the head of a department store, an extensive orchardist and does general farming, C. P. Long, of Spring Mills, also is a contractor and builder. He erected a number of dwelling houses at Spring Mills, and recently took the contract to erect the farm house on the Forster farm, in Penn township, on the site of the one recently destroyed by fire.

The improvements being made to the Krumbine property, recently purchased by Mrs. Sarah Foreman, are of such a character that the home when completed will be one of the neatest in that quarter of the town. An addition was erected to accommodate a bath room, etc., the whole house sided and a large, well proportioned porch was also added. The carpenter work is being done by Contractor John D. Lucas, assisted by his brother, Charles H. Lucas, Frank Waite and Irvin Zistle.

The young people in Centre Hall were very loving Saturday evening. Every young girl able to tie her own shoe strings had a lover linked to her and paraded the streets. Mothers are becoming too indulgent, and if they continue in that way they will have reason to regret in time to come. Children cannot be expected to use the judgment that those of mature age should exercise, and consequently do not see the evil their course is likely to lead them into, but the mothers! to them the appeal is made to become more familiar with the actions of their daughters when they are absent from home.