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DEMOCRATIC CLUBS ORGANIZE.

Congressman W. B. Wilson Elected President—Ringling Addresses by Gov. Wilson and Champ Clark.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic clubs which is to be affiliated with the National League of Democratic clubs, was organized at Harrisburg by delegates from forty-five Democratic clubs representing more than half the counties of the state. The meeting for the formation of the club, which attracted to the city prominent Democrats and Democratic members of the legislature, preceded the Democratic meeting held Thursday with Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, and Speaker Champ Clark, among the speakers.

Congressman William B. Wilson, of Tioga county, was elected president, with the following additional officers: vice presidents, Leroy Levy, Scranton; Lawrence Rupp, Allentown; John N. Moore, Lancaster; Warren Worth Bailey, Johnstown, and Joseph Howley, Pittsburg; secretary, W. N. McNair, Pittsburg; treasurer, Francis Fisher Kane, Philadelphia. The clubs composing the federation will each elect one representative to the executive council and it will select the place of meeting. The general organizer will be named by the president.

The convention was called to order by Christian Naus, Harrisburg, president of the Central Democratic Club, and Mr. Wilson was made temporary chairman, accepting in a Democratic speech which furnished a keynote for other speakers of the session which lasted all afternoon. The adoption of the constitution created much discussion, which became animated at times and led to numerous speeches. Changes were made to facilitate the organization of clubs in small districts and to give each club five representatives with one for each additional fifty above one hundred members.

The liveliest discussion of the day occurred over the resolutions, which were presented by Roland S. Morris, of Philadelphia, chairman of the committee. They contained a declaration in favor of the initiative and referendum to which William Roper, of Philadelphia, objected. The resolutions were then resubmitted and reported back with an amendment mentioning them along with tariff reform as cardinal principles. They were finally adopted. Williamsport was chosen as the city in which the next meeting will be held.

The resolutions adopted declared the fealty of the federation to Democratic principles and that the federation should exist to render public service in the interest of good government.

Size of Fire Cracker Limited.

Governor Tener signed the bill limiting the size of fire crackers to be used in celebrating on the Fourth of July. Following is an extract of the law:

Under the act of June 1, 1911, it shall be unlawful for any person to set off, fire or make use of for the purpose of explosion, any fire cracker over six inches in length, or any fire cracker over three and one-half to six inches in length, over three-fourths of an inch in diameter, and any fire cracker to the length of three and one-half inches over one inch in diameter, or to set off or fire crackers or fire works containing picric acid, picrates, dynamite or other high explosive compounds, or to explode any blank cartridge pellets or tablets containing dynamite, when used in pistols or any toys when used for explosive purposes. The fine for the violation of this law will not exceed \$25, nor an imprisonment to exceed ten days.

Alfalfa Photographed.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company sent a photographer from Williamsport to take several views of alfalfa fields which comprise a part of the Reporter's acres. A prize stalk, measuring six feet, was also photographed. This stalk weighed a quarter of a pound when green. It is the intention of the railroad company to issue booklets with instructions how crop yields can be increased, and the possibilities of alfalfa in Central Pennsylvania.

When the photograph of the alfalfa plants were taken the first growth on the plot sown last August was the only one standing. This of necessity was not as rank as that sown in August of 1909, or on the plot grown in May of 1905, from which latter the seventeenth cutting had just been taken. From the three plots containing ten and one-half acres, there were taken twelve two-horse loads of hay during the past two weeks. The yield of mow-dried hay is not less than one and one-half tons per acre. The probabilities are that the estimate is too low. With favorable weather conditions two—perhaps three—more cuttings will be harvested.

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ROADS TO BE BUILT AT ONCE.

Commissioner Bigelow Gives Some Hints of the Work Before Him—7500 Miles of Road Included in Measure.

The state's new highway commissioner, Edward M. Bigelow, of Pittsburg, plans to go right ahead with the great work to which he has been called by Governor Tener.

"My appointment is the consummation of my fondest hopes," said he. "It gives an opportunity to supervise the building of a great system of state roads, connecting all towns of the state."

Although no final word has been said of the method of construction of the roads Mr. Bigelow intimated that the major portion would be an asphalt surface, with a binder coat, which will differ from the asphalt pavement inasmuch as a stone filler is used instead of sand.

Mr. Bigelow said: "The act practically gives me supreme control of the building of highways in Pennsylvania. I am empowered to name various officers but will not be able to do so before next week."

"The system under consideration, and made possible by the new department, will place Pennsylvania far in the lead of all other states in the Union. There are to be built, as outlined at present, 7,000 miles of roads and these comprise 296 routes and will connect all the county seats of the state."

"After naming the officers necessary I hope to begin the actual work of resurveying immediately and will push the building of the roads as soon as possible. To complete the entire system will take probably ten years, but I hope and expect that much of the preliminary work will be completed within the next year."

The new law provides for the establishment of a system of main highways to be built and maintained by the state, and to be known as state roads. The work of building roads at the joint expense of the state, the county and the township is to be continued, and these are to be known as state aid roads.

As the bill finally passed the Legislature it specified 296 state road routes, covering 7500 miles of highway. The majority of these will be turned over to the state under the provisions of the act. Others are toll roads owned by private corporations, and they will be taken by condemnation proceedings as needed.

Telephone Picnic.

Branch Company No. 7 & 8, one of the fifteen companies forming the Patrons Rural Telephone Company, held their annual picnic, on Saturday, at Rhoneymede, one of the most delightful country places in Pennsylvania. The attendance was not quite as large as in former years, yet a large per cent. of farmers connected directly with the rural telephone system participated. Telephone service on the farm is just beginning to be fully appreciated and Patrons Rural Telephone Company is also beginning to be recognized as helpful in securing telephone service cheaper in rural districts than through any other agency.

Throughout the day a real picnic spirit prevailed. Many questions relating directly to farm life were discussed and the crop prospects reviewed. At noon an elaborate dinner was served on tables on the front lawn at Rhoneymede. Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Brooks, tenants on the Rhone farm, had made much preparation for this event. The lawn containing several acres, studded with a variety of native and also rare trees, presented a fine appearance. In the afternoon a shower drove some to their homes, but there remained about seventy-five and these spread their tables on the porch which surrounds the man ion at Rhoneymede.

The Seebold Hotel Dispute.

The Washington House, in Middleburg, continues in the limelight. The last move was to have Carbon Seebold ejected from the house through involuntary bankruptcy proceedings, the United States Marshall acting. John W. Runkle was made receiver. By the introduction of bankruptcy proceedings the constable's sales and sheriff's sale is to be set aside and the property is seized for the payment of debts.

This is another chapter in the fight between Carbon Seebold, of Middleburg, and his brother, Charles C. Seebold, of Sunbury, for the settlement of accounts between them.

Special Notice to Presbyterians.

Rev. J. C. Day, of Tyrone, who has been appointed on a special mission to the members of the church and congregations of the Sinking Creek Presbyterian church wishes to meet all the members thereof for a conference after the service on Friday evening, June 23rd.

BUFFALO BILL TO RETIRE.

Many Interesting Features Will Be Presented at Lock Haven.

Considerable interest has been aroused in this vicinity through the announced appearance of Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Pawnee Bill's Far East at Lock Haven, June 29th. Col. Wm. F. Cody, the original and only "Buffalo Bill," travels with the big exhibition and positively appears at every performance, rain or shine, but this will be his farewell appearance in this section as he is soon to retire.

To the small boy and grown-up "Buffalo Bill" will be the chief attraction, for his fame is not dimmed by the years which have elapsed since he helped write the story of the West through his heroic deeds. One of the principal tokens of the red men, in which he took active part, will be pictured in the open-air melodrama. The Battle of Summit Springs, an engagement in miniature introducing more than one hundred Indians and as many cavalymen and soldiers. Contrasted with this scene will be an Oriental spectacle which will picture the gorgeous beauties of the Far East, its pageantry and people, its pleasures and pastimes, and its strange costumes and customs. Turning again to American history, there will be an Attack Upon an Emigrant Train and A Holiday at "T-E" Ranch. Rossi's Musical Elephants will be a particular feature of the Far East scene, and as an individual feature of the Wild West section of the exhibition Ray Thompson's Trained Western Range Horses will be shown in feats of grace and equine skill. Sharpshooting by Johnny Baker will be a particular attractive feature, and a bunch of bucking bronchos will furnish the principal comedy element of a truly exhilarating and strenuous exhibition.

LOCALS.

At 10.50 on Sunday Miss Kline will speak in the Methodist church.

Mrs. Harry Hipple, of Baltimore, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Meeker, of near Potters Mills.

Misses Ida and Virgie Thomas, of York; Grace McGinnis and Grace Weidner, of Baltimore, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Geary last week.

Miss Catherine Fleisher just returned from a week's visit on the south side of Potter township, spending most of the time with Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Mitterling are off on a vacation, and will visit Altoona, Pittsburg, Niagara Falls and other points. They will be gone for several weeks.

Among the many young ladies who attended the commencement exercises at State College was Miss Marie Weston, of Atlantic City, New Jersey. She was the guest of Capt. Edgar Fry, U. S. N., instructor in military tactics and science. Miss Weston is the daughter of Major General Weston, now in the Philippines, where Miss Weston also spent some time.

The annual Children's Day service was held at Egg Hill Sunday evening. The service entitled "The Sunlit Way" being rendered. The music was in charge of E. W. Crawford, of Centre Hall, and recitations, drills, etc., in charge of W. E. Yearick, assistant superintendent of the school. The church was crowded to its walls, and many were unable to gain admittance.

Misses Catherine and Nora Smith, of Lamar, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, came to Centre Hall last Tuesday and were met at the station by Cleveland Brungart, who took them to his home in his auto. The following day was spent with the Brungart family in a tour through the valley. Wednesday evening they came to Centre Hall, where they were entertained at the home of the writer.

William A. Magee, of Philadelphia, was in Centre Hall from Saturday until Monday afternoon. He holds a position in the customs house, in Philadelphia, and is very much given to sports on water. When not inclined to spend Sunday at his Atlantic City home, he runs up to Centre Hall where there is more attraction for him than he can find on the miles of boardwalk along the beach.

Mrs. Oscar Miles, of Milesburg, was seriously injured Sunday evening of last week. While crossing the street she became confused by the approach of two vehicles in opposite directions. In the dark one driver attempted to pass the other and in so doing his horse struck Mrs. Miles and threw her quite a distance. The driver at once picked her up and carried her into her home. Upon an examination made by Dr. Hayes her condition was pronounced critical, stating that an injury to her spine had caused a partial paralysis to the lower portion of her body. Her condition at present is very much improved.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers Correspondent Column—New Department.

Editor of the Reporter:

Well, we are still in old classic Canonsburg, and as an old adage reads, "one half of the world does not know how the other half lives," I concluded I would tell your readers something about this section of the state.

Washington county was settled by Scotch Irish Presbyterians. They were great on education, and soon churches, academies and colleges came into existence. The people far excelled our Pennsylvania Germans of the east in educating their children, but in many other respects they were and are yet behind our eastern people.

When I rode in the stage from Pittsburg to Canonsburg fifty-four years ago to enter college I did not see a single barn. Farmers threshed on floors made out of doors, stables housed the cows and horses. Much hay was stacked in sheds having a roof but open all around the sides. Under these roofs the sheep, of which some farmers kept 500 to 1000 head, slept in winter. Here the sheep ate at their leisure, thus saving a great deal of labor in feeding them. No small streams like Penns Creek had bridges.

On June 1st as we rode out from Pittsburg again on the Pittsburg and Washington trolley I saw only one barn that deserved the name of barn. During the ride of about ten miles in the open country I did not see a single grain field. Farmers buy their flour and much of the feed for their stock. The land is good, but the farmers a year grain raising does not pay. The most they raise is corn for ensilage as nearly every one has a silo.

Farmers make their money selling milk. They ship most of it to Pittsburg, getting sixteen cents a gallon and pay one cent for the return of the cans. While farmers here are far behind Centre county farmers in some respects, they certainly take the lead in the matter of good roads. They are building miles and miles of state roads, but not such patch roads as we see in old Centre. They pave them with brick.

Canonsburg is a town about the size of Bellefonte and nearly every street is paved, either with vitrified brick or with brick made out of asphaltum. Hill bricks are used on very steep hills.

The town has very many fine houses of the style of William Mitterling's and Doctor Hosterman's. It has also many four-room houses and they rent for about \$15 a month. A six-room house with bath room rents for \$20. There are a great many one story, two room houses, some of them very cozy looking homes.

Canonsburg has a Curfew law and when the 8:30 bell rings you should see the kids skin for their homes.

My letter is getting rather long so I will close.

Canonsburg, Pa. W. A. KRISSE.

Executor To Hang.

William C. Schrader, who more than a year ago killed his sweetheart, Miss Myrtle Singley, was sentenced to death by Judge J. M. Woods, Thursday of last week. The time of the execution will be fixed by Governor Tener.

Mifflin county had its first execution when Lee, the negro, was hanged a short time ago, but it is now fast losing its former good reputation.

Dr. Surface Re-appointed.

Dr. H. A. Surface has been re-appointed as economic zoologist in the Department of Agriculture. His term will be for four years. Congratulations.

Transfers of Real Estate.

T. Bert Sweeley et ux to J. Will Mayes, May 31, 1911, tract of land in Howard twp. \$5800.

John P. Taylor to George M. Bradford, February 18, 1911, tract of land in Potter twp. \$500.

Clement Dale et ux to N. F. Keller et al, March 11, 1911, tract of land in Potter twp. \$100.

James Kreps to R. B. Taylor, June 1, 1911, lot in Bellefonte. \$2600.

John P. Harris, trustee, to James Kreps, May 24, 1911, lot in Bellefonte. \$2500.

Emaline Hugg et bar to Toner A. Hugg, May 8, 1911, tract of land in Milesburg. \$1200.

James L. Bailey, trustee, to W. C. Vonsda, March 30, 1911, tract of land in Walker twp. \$2500.

Daniel Schnars et ux to Domer Myers, December 29, 1910, tract of land in Rush twp. \$900.

Phillipsburg Coal & Land Company to Domer Myers, November 23, 1910, tract of land in Rush twp. \$500.

W. H. Bartholomew et al to Frank D. Osman, March 29, 1911, tract of land in Potter twp. \$3500.

Mary M. Allison to Dr. George L. Lee, April 18, 1908, tract of land in Centre Hall. \$150.

DEATHS.

P. B. Stover, who thirty years ago went west from Haines township, died in Kanasa City hospital. From the Lincoln (Kanasa) Republican, this account of the death is taken:

Last Saturday afternoon the report was started that P. B. Stover had committed suicide by cutting his throat at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Sittles. It was soon learned, however, that he had only attempted to take his life, using a dull knife, and that the injury inflicted, though quite serious, was not fatal. Dr. Hultner, who was called, was able to stop the flow of blood from the wound on his neck, and by making a few stitches, soon had the patient in condition that recovery was assured. Mr. Stover's son, Elmer, who was here, took him in an automobile and started for Salina with him at once, intending to take him from there to Kanasa City to place him in a sanitarium. His wife died a short time ago, and since then had "gone all to pieces," as we say. Both physically and mentally he had broken down, and it is thought his mind was badly affected at the time he made this attempt on his own life. Mr. Stover died the following week.

As the result of injuries sustained in a fall beginning of June, Mrs. John Wetzel, aged eighty years, four months and sixteen days, died at her home in Bellefonte Monday morning of last week. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Musser, and was born at Penn Hall. In 1852 she was united in marriage to John Wetzel and to this union were born thirteen children, ten surviving, namely, Rev. Frank Wetzel, Snyestown; Samuel, Hon. J. Henry Oscar, Mrs. Jared Harper, and Charles, Bellefonte; Harvey, Anawalt, West Virginia; Lewis, Toledo, Ohio; Clyde and William Nelson, Nebraska. Her husband who has passed the eighty-fourth milestone, also survives, as do also a brother and sister—Samuel Musser, of Scranton, and Mrs. William Schock, of Shellsburg.

Funeral services were conducted in the Reformed church, Bellefonte, and interment was made in Union cemetery.

Eliza Shirk, wife of D. L. Dennis, died Thursday afternoon at her home near Pine Grove Mills. She had been in poor health for some years, due to a fall, and was almost helpless. Last week she suffered a light paralytic stroke and the day previous to her death suffered another. She was the youngest daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Bloom, pioneer settlers of Penns Valley. She was born near Earlstown, September 29th, 1835. When a child the family moved to Bloomsford, where she married David L. Dennis in 1863. To them a daughter and son were born, both of whom died young. Besides her husband the following sisters survive: Mrs. Jennie E. Fye, of Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. Mary Gates, of Lock Haven, and Mrs. Jefferson Gates, of Clearfield. She was a lifelong member of the Lutheran church. Funeral services were held Saturday at Pine Grove Mills, her pastor, Rev. J. E. Shultz, officiating.

At the home of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel McKinley, at Pleasant View, Thomas Wilson, aged eighty-eight years, one month and twenty-seven days, a veteran of the Civil War, died Tuesday evening of last week of Bright's disease. His chief occupation was that of a teamster, he being the first man to haul iron from Bellefonte to Lewistown which was used by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the construction of their wooden bridges. During the Civil War he was confined to the hospital at Fortress Monroe for thirteen weeks, suffering with spinal disease.

Friday afternoon funeral services were held in the Pleasant View Chapel, and burial was made in the Advent cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Jane Fiedler died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emmanuel Neese, in Gregg township, of heart disease, aged seventy-four years, three months and fifteen days. She was the widow of David Fiedler. One daughter survives. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. D. Donat, and interment was made in the Heckman cemetery.

Public Notice.

Public notice is hereby given cautioning persons not to remove sod or earth from any portion of Hoffer street, as no permission to remove such material will be given by the body controlling this street. By order of June 22.

THE COUNCIL.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Two thousand copies of the school code will be printed for distribution.

Candidates are taking course again, and begin to talk about the campaign that will open in August.

The Fourth of July is not far off, not too far off to come to the conclusion to spend the day at Spring Mills.

An overall and shirt factory has been put into operation in Mifflinburg by Ralph R. Hauck, a resident of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lose, who for some time have been in Los Angeles, California, are now at Yermo, the same state.

Mrs. A. B. Homan, of Altoona, for a few days, was in Centre Hall with Mrs. Emma Homan, returning home beginning of this week.

The bill extending the terms of county judges was vetoed by Governor Tener, because the supreme court had already decided the question.

The July Woman's Home Companion contains the first of a series of articles describing intimately the girlhood of some of our most famous women singers. The first article is on Lillian Nordica.

Huston, the architect of the State Capitol, is now a prisoner in the eastern penitentiary. His first work there was to draw plans for a few minor changes in the pen. The per foot standard was not used.

Huntingdon county may furnish the site for the new penitentiary to take the place of the Pittsburg pen. The state owns a large scope of mountain lands in that county, and if a suitable farm can be purchased near it, the location will be favorably considered.

John Bubb, of Red Mill, who some time ago was so unfortunate to have the bone broken in one of his lower limbs, was a Reporter caller on Saturday. The injury greatly inconveniences Mr. Bubb, and obliges him to use a crutch, but he is thankful that the outcome was not worse.

Among the Reporter's callers last week was Cleveland Brungart, of Tusseyville, who is associated with A. B. Lee, Esq., in conducting a garage at Tusseyville. During Mr. Lee's campaigning trips, which are quite frequent, Mr. Brungart looks after the repair work that is sent to the shop.

The new school code eliminates the five per cent. rebate for the prompt payment of school tax. After October 1st a penalty of five per cent. is added. This arrangement is not at all unfair, and it will cost no one anything extra, as the rebates paid never schooled children, but simply added to the millage.

Mrs. H. J. Kittleberger, of DuBoise, accompanied by her children William, Louise and Elizabeth, are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bartholomew. Mrs. Kittleberger is one of Centre Hall's former popular primary school teachers, and many of her pupils who are in this community now will be pleased to greet her as well as the patrons of the school.

Misses Margaret Jacobs and Isabel Rowe, on Monday morning, went to Lock Haven to attend the commencement exercises of the Central State Normal School. They are especially interested on account of their former companion, Miss Susan Reaick, daughter of Rev. J. M. Reaick, being one of the graduating class.

D. A. Bozzer took his son George to Philadelphia on Monday with the intention of having him treated for a minor trouble in one of his feet. In the meantime they will attend several ball games and devote the time to sight seeing. While in the city they will be guests of Dr. McCluney Radcliffe, the head operating surgeon in the Wills Eye and Ear Hospital.

The buzz-saw is a wicked thing, yet not more so than the cross-cut saw on the E. H. Zimmerman saw mill, in the narrows near Millheim, for when Blake Boyer got his hand too near it the index finger and the palm of the hand were badly lacerated, indeed so bad that the finger was amputated by Drs. S. C. Musser and John Hardenburg. Blake is but fourteen years old, but he bore up well during the operation.

Rev. S. A. Snyder, secretary of the Centre Hall Lecture Course Committee, is corresponding with several men of national reputation with a view of having one of them lecture at Centre Hall some time during the summer months, or perhaps, in the fall during the Grange Encampment and Fair. Col. Bryan was asked to make a date, but his reply was that it would be impossible for him to be here. La Folette, Harmon, Wilson, Clark, Folk—is the class of lecturer the committee is after.