



STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

State Divided Into 32 Instead of 9 Divisions—Newspaper Men Organize.

The Democratic State Executive Committee, with six of the nine members present at its meeting in Harrisburg Thursday of last week, adopted resolutions recommending that a new committee be formed with a representative from each of the thirty-two Congressional districts, made temporary plans for the organization in these districts and seated the contesting delegates from Allegheny county.

The session of the committee was called to order by Chairman George W. Guthrie. Those present were: First division, William K. Meyers, Harrisburg; third division, William N. McNair, Allegheny; fourth division, James G. Paul, McKean; seventh division, Fred C. Kirkendall, Wilkes-Barre; eighth division, Edward S. Kremp, Reading; ninth division, Frank B. Rhoads, Delaware.

H. G. McCormick, of Williamsport, the committeeman from the sixth division, telegraphed his regrets stating that an important business engagement kept him from being present.

S. M. Hoyer, of Altoona, committeeman from the second division, failed to appear, although he had sent word early in the day that he would be in attendance. Nothing was heard from Dr. F. K. White, of Philipsburg, the committeeman from the fifth division. No contests were made for any of the places claimed by the Dewalt-Bitter committee.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION.

When Chairman George W. Guthrie called the meeting, the session was an open one, with a number of Democratic editors, newspapermen and others present. After Secretary James I. Blaklee had read the call for the meeting, Chairman Guthrie presented his report. The report carefully reviewed the action of the meeting of the State Committee on July 19, and the resolutions and recommendations of that body. The report urged the creation of a new executive committee, consisting of thirty-two members instead of nine, as at present constituted, urged systematic campaign work and suggested the appointment of four committees to look after various departments of work for publicity, organization, finances and campaigns.

Secretary James I. Blaklee presented the report of the Re-organization Committee, which showed a balance of nearly \$1,700, and with over \$7,500 contributed since the committee was appointed.

The committee found that under the present rules it could re-district the state as it saw fit, but that division committees could not be organized and given representation. It was decided to recommend to the State Cent at Committee for its approval and further recommendation to the next state convention, that the state be re-districted into thirty-two divisions as at present constituted by Congressional districts.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN.

In order that work in these districts can be started at once it was decided that upon a request to the state chairman a district chairman can be appointed for any of the congressional districts, who can in turn appoint a committee to promote the party's interests and assist in all campaign work. This work can be done under the present rules, and will give the concerted efforts that are desired throughout the state, but without the committeemen having any power on the State Executive Committee.

UNIFORM RULES.

In order to have the party rules a unit throughout the state a resolution was passed calling upon all county and city chairmen to file a copy of party rules with Secretary Blaklee within thirty days, in order that a rules committee to be appointed by Chairman Guthrie can make uniform rules to govern all sections. The committee to be appointed call for eight members each under the new appointment recommended.

NEWSPAPER MEN ORGANIZE.

After the Executive Committee session a meeting of the editors and owners of the Democratic newspapers of the state was called for the purpose of organizing a State Democratic Press Association. Warren Worth Bailey, editor of the Johnstown Democrat, was elected temporary chairman, and Warren Van Dyke, resident secretary of the State Executive Committee, was elected temporary secretary.

Letters were received from many editors and owners of Democratic newspapers heartily endorsing the organization. Chairman Bailey was empowered to appoint a committee on permanent organization and constitution, and to issue a call for further meetings. The committee will soon be announced and the next meeting will be held within six weeks. Invitations are already on record from several places where the meeting is desired.

DEAN BAILEY'S GOOD FARMER.

The Four Characteristics of a Good Farmer as Defined by the President of the "Country Life Commission."

L. H. Bailey, Dean of New York's Agricultural College, a department of Cornell University, at Ithaca, President of Roosevelt's Country Life Commission, and probably the foremost worker for rural betterment in America in a lecture before a company of country pastors, recently gave four characteristics of a good farmer:

1. He should have the ability to make a good living from the land.

2. He must have the ability to rear a family carefully and well.

3. He should have the ability to be of service to the community in which he lives.

4. He should know how and leave his land more productive than when he found it.

Man's selfish instincts lead him to assent to the first proposition; but there are also altruistic reasons for placing this characteristic in the foreground. The farmer, who cannot make a good living, who is always in the drag, pinched for money, and ever facing bankruptcy, will have little inclination or ability to promote the general welfare. The members of his family will find it hard to be useful members of society; and he can give little aid to the institutions thru which the community expresses itself and advances to better things.

The hope of any permanent advance in human welfare is that the children begin where the fathers leave off and carry the progress of development to a still higher stage. Hence he who fails to train his children so that they shall have the desire and ability to do this has failed in one of the most important functions of a good citizen. Instead of multiplying himself for good in his own household he is humiliating thought that his own usefulness will die with him, unless perchance somebody else's better trained children shall carry on his work.

The old Bible truth, "No man liveth to himself alone," is becoming more and more evident in the advancement of our complex civilization. "A man alone is no man."

The farmer is said to live an isolated life compared with most occupations, and it is true. But if he will stop to think he will be surprised to find in how many and how varied ways even he is dependent on other human beings and on his community. Even the pioneers could not live altogether by their own toil on their own land; much less can or does the farmer of today do it. Dependence carries with it responsibility, a responsibility that is not discharged by the pittance he pays for the aid given him by others. He may grumble, and often justly, at the size of his road taxes, and yet if he had to make his own roads, whenever he left his farm, he would find himself involved in an expense utterly impossible for him to meet. This is only one of the less important ways in which his community is putting him under obligation. If this community sense of service were more generally recognized and acquiesced in the possibilities for human welfare would be immeasurably increased. Especially could the country be made more attractive socially, intellectually, materially, and religiously to that bright vigorous class of the young for whom the city lure is so strong, whom nevertheless the country so much needs.

On the fourth characteristic depends the possibility of restoring the fertility of the soil where it has diminished, and of making it still more productive and capable of supporting the growing nation. It is a characteristic still more fruitful in character. The man who has no care for the future generations is essentially selfish, and selfishness is a deadly blight to noble manhood and womanhood. The farther they for whom we toil are removed from us in time or space the greater the likelihood that the altruistic elements of character will develop. Dean Bailey was right in making ability and willingness to increase the productivity of his land one of the essentials of the good farmer.

The superiority of the American farming class is generally recognized, at least in theory. If Bailey's ideal should generally become the ideal of those who till the soil in the United States this superiority would be greatly augmented and the national life would be pushed up many degrees.

W. H. S.

Bunnell Will Display Pianos.

During the Grange Encampment and Fair, September 9th to 15th, J. M. Bunnell, of Johnstown, will have on display high grade pianos. You are invited to call at his headquarters and inspect the instruments.

Clayton Wagner, of near Centre Hall, offers for sale two shoats and seven pigs. Call him by telephone.

POMONA GRANGE MEETS.

Bald Eagle Grange Hall The Scene of an Enthusiastic Quarterly Meeting of the Order.

The third quarterly meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange was held at Milesburg, in the new and well equipped hall of the Bald Eagle Grange, on Thursday of last week. There was a good attendance, and everyone there displayed an interest in the matters before the body.

The officers presiding were Worthy Master, Willard Dale; Overseer, D. K. Keller; Lecturer, Leonard Rhone; Chaplain, G. L. Goodhart; Steward, George Gingerich; Assistant Stewards, Jacob Yarnell and Mrs. Poorman; Secretary, D. M. Campbell; Treasurer, F. W. Musser; Ceres, Mrs. D. M. Campbell; Flora, Mrs. Samuel Durst; Pomona, Mrs. D. L. Barges.

The first business taken up was the matter of better maintaining the register of members in the county, and a committee of three were appointed to perform this work. The master named on this committee the secretary of Pomona, D. M. Campbell, D. K. Keller and George Musser.

The report of the Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Co., by its secretary, D. K. Keller, was altogether flattering. The company was never in better condition financially or otherwise. The secretary made the statement that Grange companies had been organized in several of the adjoining counties in which the company did business, and that in such instances his company had withdrawn from the field. This narrowing of territory has proven advantageous to the policy holders, for with the exception of one instance the losses exceeded the revenue in the districts. The new classification of risks was also shown to be just and aided to bring about the present good condition of the company's finances.

Isaac Frain, president of the company, supplemented the secretary's report with appropriate remarks, sanctioning and emphasizing all the secretary had said. He pointed with pride to the fact that from the organization of the company all its losses were promptly paid, and that without process of law on the part of the insured.

The next question taken up was one very much talked about by farmers in and out of the Grange—The Hessian Fly. The fly and its habits were spoken of in an exceptionally illuminating way by Dr. H. F. Bitner. A number of others also joined in the discussion.

The profits from patronizing the milk condensory was a question also discussed. To gain further light on the question a committee of five was appointed to investigate the methods of the condensory, prices paid for milk, etc., and report at the next meeting of the body. The committee appointed is as follows: G. L. Goodhart, chairman; Luther Dale, S. W. Smith, J. M. Harter and Willard Dale.

The chairman of the Grange Encampment and Fair committee, Hon. Leonard Rhone, made a verbal report. He stated that all the tents in possession of the committee had been engaged, and that many additional requests were on file, and would be filled if it were possible to secure tents from the several sources being appealed to. All the space in the permanent buildings has also been engaged by exhibitors, and not all were accommodated. There is ample room for exhibitors who can do so on the open grounds. The chairman encouraged patrons to bring their exhibits of fruit, vegetables, grains, and antiques, so that even the former creditable displays would be eclipsed.

Another subject discussed was the co-operative buying system. R. P. Keeter, a state deputy, will take up this subject with the local granges.

Will Build Grange Hall.

"During the past year the Spring Mills Grange has added many new members, and the order is now very much alive to the interests of the farmer. With a view of further developing interest in Grange work and making it a permanent institution in that locality, it has been decided to build a home for the order. The old Methodist church, at Aaronsburg, was purchased with this view in mind. The structure has been torn down, and the material will be transported to Spring Mills and there re-erected. The building is amply large, and will be well suited to the needs of the order.

The Hooven Mercantile Co. Dividend No. 83.

The directors of the Hooven Mercantile Company, have declared the regular quarterly dividend of one and one half per cent. on the preferred stock and one per cent. on the common stock, payable on September 1st to stockholders of record August 19th. Checks will be mailed.

GRANGE ENCAMPMENT AND FAIR.

The Thirty-Eighth Gathering Will be Held on Grange Park September 9th to 15th.

In his report as chairman of the Grange Encampment and Fair Association committee to the Centre County Pomona Grange, held at Milesburg, Hon. Leonard Rhone made the statement that every available tent had been leased, and that all the floor space in the permanent exhibiting buildings was already under contract to exhibitors. These statements are positive indexes to an unprecedentedly large number of campers and exhibitors, two elements necessary for a successful gathering in September. The exhibits of horticulture and agriculture, the antique department, the State College display, in the permanent exhibition building, will eclipse any heretofore in quantity, quality and nicety of arrangement. The displays of implements, vehicles, dairy supplies, engines, farm machinery, etc., under private tents will be larger and more varied than ever. The success in making sales at the encampment last year by the exhibitors is responsible for the increase in this year's desirable feature.

The entertainments in the auditorium in the evenings will be of a high class, and popular, vary similar to the scenes found almost everywhere in the larger towns and cities. These will be conducted by W. J. Anderson, of Philadelphia, who for the first time will appear in this section of the country.

During the day there will be addresses in the auditorium of special interest to the farmers as a class. These talks will be instructive and entertaining.

No admission is charged at the gates of the grounds. All exhibition buildings, as well as the large agriculture building, are open to the public. The lectures in the auditorium are also free.

The camp opens on Saturday, when the great majority of campers will move into their temporary homes. Sunday afternoon religious services will be held in the auditorium, conducted by Rev. S. A. Snyder.

LOCALS.

The Pine Stump Sunday-school will hold a festival Saturday evening. Ice cream and cake will be served.

Wilbur Leitzell and family, of State College, were guests at the home of W. S. Miller, in Rebersburg, over Sunday.

Miss Minnie Kline will hold services for the last time this season in Moyer's grove, near Colyer, on Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday evening. All are invited.

Mrs. Carlton Read announces the marriage of her daughter, Mary Grace, to George Stewart, of Bellevue, formerly of Boalsburg. After October 1st Mr. and Mrs. Stewart will be at home at 184 Sprague Avenue, Bellevue.

The Pennsylvania and Erie railroads placed orders for cars and locomotives that foot up to \$5,000,000. The contracts were left to the various concerns who usually furnish this class of stock for these roads.

The corn fields along the pike between Penn Hall and Millheim present a sorry appearance. The drought cut the yield in some few fields almost to nothing, and all of them from twenty-five to fifty per cent.

To show the ravages of the Hessian fly one needs merely to quote that John Route, in Nippenose Valley, last fall sowed eighty bushels of wheat, and the yield was seventy-six bushels, four bushels less than was planted.

J. L. Tressler, of Linden Hall, with the assistance of a third limb, walked into the Reporter's sanctum on Monday. Mr. Tressler sustained an injury to his back, but the effects are gradually disappearing and he soon will feel just as young as he used to be.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Bitner and little daughter of Pittsburg, are at the home of the former's father, Dr. H. F. Bitner, in Centre Hall, for a week's visit. Mr. Bitner is city editor of the Pittsburg Press, having worked his way up from the position of a reporter.

Stewart M. Leitzell, of Washington, D. C., was the guest of W. J. Carlin, Esq., at Rebersburg, returning to the Nation's capital on Monday. Mr. Leitzell is in the civil service division of the Postoffice Department, and just came up to Centre county to get a few whiffs of country air that so invigorates him that he forgets all about physical ailments.

In the Sunday issue of the Chicago Record-Herald, a copy of which was forwarded to this office, is a cut of a flag bearing the words "From Chicago the Star City." The designer of this banner is Alfred Beirly, uncle to J. Frank Smith, of Centre Hall. In Mr. Beirly's opinion Chicago is worthy of a more fitting name than the Windy City so he suggests that hereafter it be termed the Star City.

TWO FIRES AT MILLHEIM.

Rebuilt Portion of Town Threatened to be Again Wiped Out.

Millheim had a fire scare Friday night of last week, and had not the newly built portions of that town been of brick with the minimum amount of wood exposed, they doubtless would have been reduced to ashes. The builders probably built wiser than they knew, at least they had not thought that their judgment would be put to such a severe trial at this early stage.

To the rear of the Nieman store building stood a wooden structure occupied by A. J. Scholl, a photographer, and on the night mentioned fire broke out in the attic of the one-story building. It was only an instant until the building was a mass of flames. The local fire company worked heroically, but could only protect the adjoining property.

The windows on the second floor of the Nieman building were broken from the heat, and the facing badly scorched. This was the only damage done, except to the building where the fire originated.

Mr. Scholl had insurance in the sum of \$500 in a cash company, and Mr. Nieman \$500 insurance in the Anville company.

The fire was first observed about eleven o'clock, and it was soon over, every one retiring except a few watchmen. At three o'clock a second fire alarm was sent out, and before the flames were subdued two stables in the Texas section of Millheim were burned. The first was that of Abe King. A horse, chickens and feed were also destroyed by the elements.

The fire from the King stable communicated to the stable owned by William Royer, and this, too, was licked up. The fire company were able to prevent the spread of the flames to other buildings.

Neither Mr. King nor Mr. Royer held insurance, and their loss is quite keenly felt.

Great Grangers' Picnic.

The 38th Annual Great Grangers' Picnic Exhibition will be held at Williams Grove, August 28 to September 2. The exhibition of farm machinery, implements, etc., and live stock promises to exceed that of any former year.

Thursday, Hon. William T. Cresay, Master Pennsylvania State Grange, and other prominent Grangers, and Hon. Robert M. Lafolette, United States Senator from Wisconsin, will deliver addresses.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Frank R. Roberson in illustrated lectures. Thursday and Friday evenings, Ideal Vaudeville Company. Clean, attractive amusements. Everything high grade and up-to-date. Excursions on all railroads. Consult your station agent.

The N. A.

On next Sunday, August 27, there will be given as a supplement with the Philadelphia Sunday North American the regular semimonthly magazine, containing short stories and serials by noted writers. Ever since the publishers of the North American have been giving this magazine away to its readers, the circulation has been rapidly increasing.

This magazine has now become a regular feature on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Those who are not regular subscribers would do well to place their order in advance with their newsdealer, so as to avoid the disappointment, which usually follows.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Catharine C. Shook, et al, to Andrew Rote, April 1, 1911, tract of land in Gregg twp. \$1915.

William L. Foster, et al, to J. S. Martin, November 30, 1908, tract of land in Collette twp. \$850.

David B. DeLong to Jacob H. Bechdel, August 8, 1911, tract of land in Curtin twp. \$300.

H. S. Taylor, sheriff, to F. W. Crider, February 2, 1903, tract of land in Bellefonte.

Cyrus Brungart, sheriff, to F. W. Crider, February 23, 1902, tract of land in Bellefonte. \$1100.

William Alexander et ux to Nannie M. Coxie, May 13, 1910, tract of land in Harris twp. \$75.

Florence D. Pope et al to Nannie M. Coxie, March 31, 1911, tract of land in Harris twp. \$100.

Barth Moyer et baron to Nannie M. Coxie, May 13, 1910, tract of land in Harris twp. \$50.

Mary Ellen Garbrick et al to Harry B. Garbrick, July 19, 1911, tract of land in Spring twp. \$960.

Buy it now. Now is the time to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. This remedy has no superior. For sale by all dealers.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Duck, at Centre Mills, is seriously ill.

William Wilkinson, of near Millheim, was kicked in the face by a horse when it tore loose while he was leading it to water.

The school board had a cement walk built in front of the school house. Minor improvements are also being made in the interior of the building.

Mrs. F. P. Brandt and children, of Altoona, have for the past week or more been the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. John Rubie, in Centre Hall.

The Rebersburg lodge, I. O. O. F., on Saturday, will hold a basket picnic in Smull's woods, west of Rebersburg. Two bands will be present. A general invitation is extended.

It is only occasionally that you see a clover field having the appearance of making seed or a second crop of hay. Last year at this time the reverse was true; few clover fields did not make a good second growth.

An unusually large amount of commercial fertilizer will be used this fall to aid the wheat in developing into a paying crop. Four or five car loads of fertilizer have already been unloaded at the Centre Hall station.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Sharer and Mr. and Mrs. Eimer Swartz, of near Zion, were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sharer, east of Centre Hall. They are progressive farmers, a type peculiar to that section of Nitany Valley.

The acreage of the tobacco crop in Clinton county is between five and six hundred acres, and growers will cut it within a few days. Generally speaking the plants grew well, and the quality will be up to the high standard grown in that county.

Rev. L. Oscar Moon, of Baltimore, after the regular Sunday-school session at Pine Stump, talked to the scholars on Sunday morning. He and his wife and little son are camping at the "House of Lords" on Nitany Mountain. Rev. Moon is a Dunkard, and is a native of Indiana.

A heavy wind storm passed over Penns Valley Friday afternoon. Damage to trees and ripening fruit is reported from every local section. In a few instances buildings were partially unroofed. The rain fall at Centre Hall was but eighteen hundredths inches, but farther to the east the fall was considerably more.

Mrs. James Smith and daughters, Elizabeth, Adalide and Cora, of Pittsburg, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman L. Smith in Centre Hall. On Monday they went to Williamsport, which is Mrs. Smith's native city. Mr. Smith is a contractor, and was too busy to accompany his wife and children to Central Pennsylvania.

Shawver's remodeled hotel at Millheim is quite creditable to that town. The building has been changed to such an extent that it is not recognizable. The floor space has been materially enlarged, and a third story added. Heat and baths have been installed, and every effort made in the arrangement of the interior to serve the patrons of the house.

The following is from the Philadelphia Journal: Frank W. Grebe, now associated with his father and brother as bookkeeper at their planing mill, and who is a popular candidate for County Treasurer on the Democratic ticket, went over the mountain this morning to look after his fences. Frank is making a strong fight, and it is nominated and elected, has the ability to fill the office successfully.

George H. Thomas, son of Clifford S. Thomas, of near Potters Mills, and who is connected with the Martin Press, New York, is on a sight seeing tour. Today he and his party are scheduled to be in St. Petersburg. They went direct from New York to North Cape by way of London, and had the pleasure of seeing the sun at midnight. Hammersport, the most northern city of the world, was also visited. The party left New York the beginning of July and will return about October 1st.

At the last commencement of the Lock Haven State Normal School, a handsome tower clock and a 3500 pound bell were dedicated. They were presented by Wilson Kistler, a philanthropic citizen of Lock Haven, and they are in every respect first class. The entire expense involving an expenditure of about \$4,000.00. This is an evidence of the esteem in which the school is held by the best citizens of its home community, but it has a state wide reputation as well as reference to its finely illustrated catalog will show. The fall term of fifteen weeks begins September 11th. Write for a catalog.