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WILL ABIDE BY THE PRIMARIES.

Reorganizers in Pennsylvania Meet in Philadelphia—Twenty-six of the Thirty-six Congressional District Chairmen Represented.

Twenty-six of the thirty-six congressional district chairmen met in Philadelphia with Democratic State Chairman George W. Guthrie in the Bellevue Stratford on Friday. The Centre county reorganizers were represented by I. J. Dreese.

EXPLAINS REORGANIZERS PLAN.

"That there may be no mistaking the purpose of the reorganization movement," said Mr. Guthrie, "I wish to say it is simply to put control of the party back in the hands of the people. It is for the people themselves to decide the policy which they want to support. To this movement Congressman Palmer, myself and the members of the reorganization committee are pledged.

"Several propositions were made to us as a means of eliminating this so-called schism in the party. We were told we could secure a united organization if we would agree on the delegates to the national convention and permit them to go unincorporated. I said that could not be, as that was a matter for the people to decide, and no man or number of men had a right to bargain or forestall the will of the people.

"I declared that the people had the right to know just whom their candidates would support in the convention. It was suggested in one part of the state that harmony could be secured if your chairman would withdraw. This almost means we would go back to the old method of certain men and interests controlling the party, and I would not consider them. If I am ever confident that a majority of the committee do not want me, I will drop out, but the people must have the right about to decide for themselves without the dictation of others."

After reiterating the proposition made some time ago by the Reorganizers that they would agree to one state convention if those holding proper certificates of election were admitted to seats and the roll prepared by representatives of both sides, Chairman Guthrie said:

"We stand on that proposition that the Democratic party be ruled by the Democrats of Pennsylvania, and that the honest decision of the voters at the primaries shall be recognized.

Congressman Palmer declared that the gathering was unprecedented in the history of Pennsylvania Democracy and "presages great things." He said that the rules of the party would be changed to make the Congressional Committee a part of the state organization as they had tremendous potentialities for good."

Party at Dutrow's.

Wednesday evening of last week a jolly sledding party from Zion came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dutrow, east of Centre Hall, and spent the evening there in a most delightful way. The party was composed of the following: Nettie Stein, Richard Weaver, Nellie Steln, Calvin Hockman, Mary Corman, Charles Lee, John Lutz, William Shaffer, Gordon Tyson, Earl Weaver, Burton Fetterolf, Roy and Mary Dutrow, Eleanor Tyson, Adam Reish, Edward Tyson, Cline Neff, Thomas Aikey, Harvey Yearick, William Fetterolf, James Keller, George Fetterolf, John and Claude Dutrow, Orlan and Verba Reish, Millie Neff, Pearl Shaffer, Erma and Anna Dutrow, Elizabeth Fetterolf, Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. John Yearick, Mrs. Fetterolf, Mrs. Cline Neff, Mrs. Edward Tyson.

M. F. Church Dedication.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church was dedicated at State College on Sunday, Bishop William Fraser McDowell being the principal speaker. The edifice is modern in every way, and is both a great credit to the congregation and to the town of State College.

Besides Bishop McDowell there were present and took part in the ceremonies, Rev. Edgar R. Heckman, Rev. B. H. Mooser, Mr. S. Dwight Smith, of Pittsburgh, who dedicated the Benjamin Gill memorial organ; Rev. W. P. Shriner, Rev. Robert Forbes, D. D.

Town Council Meets.

The March meeting of the town council was held Friday evening. The members present being Daniel Daup, president; W. F. Bradford, secretary; W. H. Meyer, William Fiedler, L. L. Smith and John D. Lucas.

The receiving of a few small bills and the re-election of W. F. Floray as street commissioner were the only items of business of any importance that came before the body.

THE SWEEP OF DEMOCRACY.

Public Press Will Oppose Roosevelt Because of His Disregard for Pledge and Revolutionary Utterances.

Conservative public opinion—that is opinion that is not biased by partisanship—is a unit in the belief that the fates are about to delegate to Democracy the duty of administering the affairs of this great and prosperous country. The weakness of President Taft was not a secret even before the advent of Theodore Roosevelt as an active candidate for the Republican nomination. The latter, by his utter disregard for his own pledge to the people, has forfeited their confidence, and instead of stampeding the country to his standard suddenly awakes to the fact that the better element of the people is arrayed against him. This is emphasized in particular by the opposition of the Republican press, which is practically unanimous in denouncing his course, criticizing his revolutionary utterances and in predicting the impossibility of his success.

The development of this situation means that neither Taft nor Roosevelt can be elected, no matter which of the two receives a majority of the delegates. In the first place the Republican party has been hopelessly divided and there is no power that can bring it together. If Roosevelt should be the nominee he could not expect the support of the Taft following, and he would be deserted by the great mass of Republican voters who are steadfast in their determination that the time-honored precedent of two terms only shall not be violated. If Taft should be the nominee he would be antagonized by that weaker element of the party that is influenced by the Roosevelt vagaries and is determined that it shall be the colonel or nobody.

This is the situation that confronts the Democratic party in the nation today. It is not a question of candidates but of principles. No matter who will be the Democratic nominee he will find a solid and enthusiastic party back of him, reinforced by thousands of Republicans, who, despite the dissension within their own ranks, have come to the conclusion that in order to solve the economic problems that stir the country, a complete change of policy is essential. They believe that tariff reform is necessary in order to get at the root of the increased cost of living, to adjust conditions so as to eliminate the cause of public complaint and put the country on a permanently prosperous footing.

The situation is that of a popular uprising; it is the people, not a party, that is demanding relief from wrongs brought about by misrule and the enforcement of policies for the benefit of the few at the expense of the many. The only possible hope of the people depends on the triumph of the Democratic party, and regardless of political affiliations they are banding together with the one object in view. While the advent of Colonel Roosevelt as a candidate does not change the situation so far as the popular feelings are concerned, it has the effect of still further reducing the measure of Republican opposition, for thousands of members of that party who heretofore have been passively submissive in their adherence to the organization are now inclined to cut loose entirely and follow a source of independence that is an additional guarantee of a great popular triumph at the polls in November.

The Democratic party has marked its course well and can be depended on to adhere to the lines. The candidacies of individuals are merely incidental, and no matter who may be the choice of the Baltimore convention the result will be the same.

A NOVEL INTRODUCTION.

Dr. Howard C. makes a special price. The Dr. Howard Company have entered into an arrangement with Murray & Bitner's drug store, by which a special introductory offer will be made of 25 cents on the 50 cent size of their celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia.

Headaches, coated tongue, dizziness, gas on stomach, specks before the eyes, constipation and all forms of malaria and liver trouble are soon cured by this scientific medicine.

Murray & Bitner have been able to secure only a limited supply, so everyone who wishes to be cured of dyspepsia or constipation should call upon them at once or send them 25 cents by mail, and get 50 doses of the best medicine ever made, on this special half price introductory offer, with their personal guarantee to refund the money if the specific does not cure.

John W. Sicksel Smith, Greensboro, Pa., has three children, and like most children they frequently take cold. "We have tried several kinds of cough medicine," he says, "but have never found any yet that did them as much good as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." For sale by all dealers.

OWN WORDS CONVICT T. R.

Letters Written in June, 1911, Qualify Him for Annapolis Club.

Colonel Roosevelt's denial of stories sent from Washington that the Taft Administration had reason to believe that he would not be a candidate for the Republican nomination against the President, and his statement at Oyster Bay yesterday that Secretary of the Navy Meyer and Secretary of War Stimson "couldn't have said" that he would not be a candidate, caused to be made public on Saturday a letter written by Colonel Roosevelt June 27, 1911, denying reports current at the time that he would support Mr. Taft, which concluded as follows:

"I have expressed myself perfectly freely to a large number of men in this matter, always to the same effect; telling you, for instance, personally, and those who were with you at lunch at my house, and telling Gifford Pinchot, Jim Garfield and Congressman Madison and Billy Loeb and Secretary Meyer and Secretary Stimson, all alike, just exactly what I have said always, that I would not be a candidate in 1912 myself, and that I had no intention of taking any part in the nomination for or against any candidate."

LOCALS.

Mrs. George Slack suffered from tonsillitis beginning of this week.

The first days of March were mighty cold, mercury hugging close to the zero mark.

William Stump is assisting W. A. Odenkirk in the mercantile business at the station.

Clover seed is selling for \$16.00 or more a bushel, but it is cheap enough to sow and liberally at that.

Former Superintendent of Schools C. L. Gramley, beginning of this week, went to Harrisburg to remain for a few days.

Richard Brooks and Alvin Stump last week went to Altoona. They were entertained by the latter's daughter, Mrs. Albert Barger.

Messrs. J. C. Rossman and H. D. Roseman, of near Penna Cave, attended the funeral of Mrs. Albert Ziegler, at Lock Haven, who was married to a cousin of the gentlemen.

The Lingle foundry and machine shop sold at sheriff's sale were purchased by J. Frank McCoy for \$1081. Mr. McCoy held a mortgage on the plant, and made the purchase to secure himself.

Miss Helen Bartholomew, the primary teacher in the Centre Hall schools, on Friday went to Philadelphia, returning Tuesday. She went to the city with a view of having her eyes treated.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kimport had the misfortune to fall down the cellar steps on Sunday night and break her right arm near the wrist. She also injured her head, and received numerous bruises on her body.

By unanimous action of President Judge Woods and the associate Judges in Mifflin county, the four applications for liquor license in Lewistown were refused. There were no applications outside of Lewistown.

Good cows continue to bring very fair prices. At the stock sale conducted by James C. Goodhart, nine cows sold at an average of \$50 each. This does not include the price of the calves, which were sold separately.

Mrs. Charles F. Shaw, of State College, came to Centre Hall the latter part of last week, and for several days remained with her father, Dr. G. W. Hosterman. Prof. Shaw is in Washington, D. C., having been called there on account of a meeting of those connected with the United States soil bureau.

Rev. W. A. H. Streamer will become pastor of the Bellefonte Lutheran church after his graduation from the Susquehanna University, at Selinogrove, in June. He is married and has several children, and is the son of Rev. Charles Streamer. Before entering the ministry, Mr. Streamer was a clothing merchant in Phillipsburg.

William S. Brooks, of near Linden Hall, and H. Lee Brooks, of near Centre Hall, father and son, will exchange farms. Both the farms belong to the former, but on coming into possession of the Bitner farm, west of Centre Hall, the junior Mr. Brooks began farming there. Both farms are desirable ones, and have also proven profitable to both owner and tenant.

This coasting accident is reported from Milroy: While out coasting on the town hill, Harry Durst and a young Hile boy from below town lost control of their sled and ran into the ice house of T. M. Williamson. The Durst boy had an ugly cut in his head requiring a physician to sew up the wound. Albert Burkholder also had a finger badly hurt the same evening on the hill.

SERENADERS COME TO GRIEF.

Six of Ten Boys Receive Stray Shot from Gun Accidentally Discharged.

A serenading party of ten boys at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Bohn came to grief on Wednesday evening through the accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of one of them. The boys had gone to the Bohn home to serenade Mr. and Mrs. Sparr Wert, who had been married a few evenings before. Young America was lined up in good form, beating drums and a large circular saw. "Eli" was doing his best groans, the rattle was twirling rapidly—all were enjoying the music, and this included the bride and groom and the guests of the evening—when bang! the whole orchestra and its leader were thrown into a state of panic, and for a good reason. Six of the ten boys became receptacles of the shot from this one charge, some of them receiving painful wounds and others lighter injuries.

The Bohn home was at once opened and became a hospital. Dr. Kidder was summoned, and the telephones were kept busy conveying the news to the parents of the unfortunate youths.

Carl Bohn was the most seriously injured. He and his brother George joined the serenaders when they began the "introductory" at the front of the house. The former was hit by twenty-six of the shot in the charge, two or more of which imbedded themselves in his knee. The other shot landed on all parts of his body, but did not penetrate to any great depth.

Bruce and Samuel Horner, sons of George Horner, were also pretty well scared and Roy Raymond was one of the six to be injured.

Just how the gun was discharged no one seems to know, but it appears the shot first struck the large circular saw or the concrete walk, or perhaps both of them, all of the lead pellets having been very much flattened.

Judge Seibert Grants Four Licenses.

Judge Seibert granted four liquor licenses in Juniata county, and refused six. He solemnly warned those granted licenses against violating the law, and especially against selling more than one quart at one time to one man. If a row of half dozen or more men are arranged before the bar and one man orders a bottle of beer for each the total quantity will exceed one quart and such sale to one man is prohibited. A half dozen bottles of beer, or more than one quart, cannot at any time be sold to one man, said the Judge.

Sales During the Week.

There will be some large public sales in Penna Valley between now and the next issue of the Reporter: Thursday, 7th, S. I. Poorman; Friday, 8th, Huyett & Luse; Saturday, 9th, James Swabb; Monday, 11th, William Baird; Tuesday 12th, A. W. Dale; Wednesday, 13th, Shirk & Wiser.

Second Pair Beck Twins.

Twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Beck, who live near Murray's school house, in Upper Brush Valley. This is the second pair of twins born to this couple, and all are living.

Transfer of Real Estate.

James S. Watson et ux to George P. Shirk, 51 acres in Union twp. \$750.

George Trubitz to Joe Kockik, 91 acres in Burnside twp. \$1050.

Thomas A. Shoemaker to G. Edward Haupt and Margaret H. Brown, tract of land in Bellefonte Boro. and Spring twp. \$10,000.

Harry V. Guntzel to Amanda Decker, 13 acres in Penn twp. \$600.

John S. Rodgers to William Gates, 13 acres in Miles twp. \$35.

John P. Harris, trustee, to Martha J. Thomas, house and lot in Bellefonte. \$1200.

Lemuel Jackson et ux to Harry E. Weber, lot in Phillipsburg. \$1355.

Swift & Co., Chicago, lot in Phillipsburg. \$2075.

It is announced from Harrisburg that the state highway commissioner early next month will ask for bids for metal signposts and boards, to be placed at crossroads and other necessary points all over the state. A number of manufacturers have submitted designs. The engineering office of the department has located all the spots where the boards are desired. The deficiency of proper guide signs along the highways of the state was one of the first things that struck the highway commissioner when he took charge of the department last summer, and he began inspection trips and at once made plans to have the defect remedied.

If you want to solicit insurance whether fire or life, you must have a license to do so.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Laura Musser, wife of Paul Musser, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Musser, on the Branch, at twelve o'clock on Tuesday of last week, after a month's illness. Several weeks ago she was taken to the Lock Haven hospital but her condition was so serious that the physicians deemed it inadvisable to perform an operation and she was taken home last week.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sunday, of Pine Grove Mills, where she was born about twenty years ago. Two years ago she was united in marriage to Paul Musser and the young couple have since resided at State College. In addition to her husband she is survived by a little daughter, Mabelle, her parents and the following sisters and brother: Mrs. George Bell, of Spruce Creek; Mrs. Harry Sager, of Lewistown; Mrs. J. E. McWilliams, of Fairbrook; Miss Ida at home and Harry, of White Hall. She was a faithful member of the Methodist church and the Christian Endeavor Society. Rev. S. J. Pittinger had charge of the funeral services, which were held Saturday morning; burial at Pine Grove Mills.

Harvey Benner, a well known resident of Benner township, died at his home near Rock View, of pneumonia, following an illness of about a week. He was born April 8th, 1847, hence his age at the time of his death was sixty-four years, ten months and twelve days. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Roan, in 1867, and for many years had followed the occupation of a farmer, being esteemed and respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Their wedded life was blessed with five children, three daughters and two sons, all living. Mr. Benner was an upright, consistent man and for years had been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Fillmore. He leaves to survive his wife and children, as follows: Mrs. William Bodie, of State College; Samuel and William, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Cyrus Gearhart, of State College, and Mrs. Lloyd Woomer, of Bellefonte.

After an illness of but one week from heart trouble, Mrs. Mary I. Fink, mother of former County Treasurer George G. Fink, died at the latter's home, at Port Matilda. She was born in Milesburg, and was aged a little over seventy-eight years.

Her husband, George W. Fink, preceded her to the grave fifteen years ago, leaving to survive five children of a family of ten, as follows: Elmer E., of Clearfield; George G., of Marthas; William M., of Juniata; Mrs. Harvey Strong, of Bakerton, and Ella L. Fink, who made her home with her mother at New Millport. Two brothers and one sister also survive, namely: John Q. Miles, of Marthas; Scott Miles, of Port Matilda, and Mrs. William A. Smith, of Pittsburgh.

After an illness of two weeks with heart trouble the spirit took Mrs. Forest Harter away. Mrs. Harter was born at Farmers Mills, February 24, 1874. Here she grew to womanhood and was married to Forest Harter, March 11, 1899. Most of their matrimonial life was passed with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sholl whom Mr. Harter assisted on the farm (where she died on the Fiedler farm near Madisonburg.) She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, one daughter, Anna, aged twelve years; her parents and two sisters, Mrs. Herbert Yearick, of Sunbury, and Miss Kate Shoel, of Madisonburg. Interment in the Lutheran cemetery at Aaronsburg, Rev. Whitman her pastor officiating.

Miss Elizabeth Davis died at her home near Linden Hall last Friday from complications of diseases due largely to advanced age. Interment was made Tuesday at Centre Hill, Rev. W. H. Schuyler officiating. There survives one brother, Captain James Davis, of Huron, South Dakota; and two children of Irvin Davis, of Holidaysburg, deceased, namely, Harry Davis and Mrs. Julia Stone.

Her age was seventy-six years, eight months and three days.

Miss Davis is a daughter of Thomas Davis, and was born where her death occurred, her parents having been among the early settlers in that portion of Harris township.

Deaths Throughout County.

Mrs. Hester Ann Wrye, of Loveville, aged sixty-eight years.

Mrs. Nancy Jane Parker, at Pleasant Gap, aged seventy-four years. Interment was made at Bellefonte.

Unclaimed letters in Centre Hall postoffice, March 1st, 1912: Mr. Mills Alexander, Mr. T. C. Miller.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The first March day was a frisky lamb.

About two inches of snow fell on Sunday night.

Rev. D. M. Schrader, of Nippenose Valley, was recently the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Meyer.

George Gregore, of Reedsville, was bound over for court trial for furnishing cigarettes to minors.

Mrs. Stephen Meyer, of Millheim, was in Centre Hall for a few days to see her sister, Mrs. George Lee, who is seriously ill.

I. J. Dreese is a candidate for delegate to the Democratic state convention, as will be found in an announcement under the proper head.

The venerable Charles Snyder, of near State College, is suffering from general debility. He is about ninety years of age, and his family is somewhat alarmed over his condition.

Mrs. (Dr.) George Lee has been very seriously ill during the past ten days. Two Bellefonte physicians have been in consultation on several occasions. A trained nurse is taking care of her.

During last week John G. Dauberman, the local butcher, shipped over forty veal calves to the eastern market. The calves were all gathered in by him, and were dressed in his slaughtering house at Centre Hall.

During the storm of ten days ago, the Berry Hartsock barn, in Buffalo Run Valley, was unroofed, and the roof on the Edward Houser barn in the same locality had to be anchored to keep the winds from carrying it away.

William DeHaas, of Clearfield, who is aspiring to become the Republican nominee for congress in this (the twenty-first) congressional district, is the son of a Penna Valley woman, namely, Sarah Heckman, who was born and raised near Spring Mills.

Mrs. James Noonan was paid \$500 for injuries received by falling into a ditch in the Bellefonte streets, the electric light company paying one-third and Bellefonte borough the remainder. The suit instituted against the borough by Mrs. Noonan has been withdrawn.

William Auman, of Potters Mills, is in very delicate condition. He is in his ninety-fourth year, and is probably the oldest person on the south side of Centre county. He is being cared for by his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Blauser, where he has had his home for some years.

Capt. James Davis, of Huron, S. D., attended the funeral of his sister, Miss Elizabeth Davis, of near Linden Hall. Harris Davis and Mrs. Julia Stone, of Holidaysburg, a nephew and a niece of the deceased, also attended the funeral, having come to the Davis home the latter part of last week.

There was considerable speculation before the sale season opened whether or not horses would continue to sell at the high prices obtained last year. It is now only March 7, but the horses with any class to them put upon the block have not been going lagging. The horse of quality continues to bring top prices.

Mrs. D. W. Strunk had the misfortune to fall, one day last week, and break both bones in her left arm, near the wrist. She experienced great pains for several days after the fracture, but now the bones seem to be knitting together, and she is not suffering more than the ordinary pain following such a misfortune.

John Coldren will give up his place as clerk in the C. F. Emery store, where he has been for about four years, and will open an ice cream parlor in Runkle's store room. He will also carry a stock of candies, tobaccos and cigars. Ralph Dinges will become chief clerk for Mr. Emery after school closes, at which time he will graduate from the High School.

On the charge of writing threatening letters to John W. Mowery, Mrs. Lucy Ryan was bound over for court under bail for \$800. It appears the two have had a misunderstanding for a number of years. Mr. Mowery now lives in Bellefonte and operates the moving picture machine at the Lyric theatre. It is said the letter in question demands that Mowery pay \$300, and leave the town.

New Berlin has the distinction of having among its residents the oldest living person in Union county. Miss Sarah Templeton stevens celebrated her 97th birthday anniversary on February 19, having been born in 1815. She has always been a staunch Presbyterian and up to within two years ago had been able to repeat the shorter catechism each Sunday, as was her custom since childhood. She has no wrinkles from worry and no impudence from over-sensitive nerves.