



VANCE C. McCORMICK

PLATFORM OF VANCE C. McCORMICK

The following statement was issued by Vance C. McCormick, candidate for Governor in the Democratic primaries as his platform of principles.

To the Democratic Voters of Pennsylvania:

In announcing my candidacy for Governor, I do so as a Democrat in complete sympathy with the policies and aims of our great President, Woodrow Wilson, and with the Democratic party organization in Pennsylvania, which so faithfully and loyally labored for his nomination at Baltimore and which has so earnestly supported the administration during the past year of Democratic achievement.

My own pledges to the people are:

1 If elected, I propose to be Governor.

2 I propose to give the State an economical business administration.

3 I shall make a determined effort to bring about a reform of rules of the Legislature, to give the people of Pennsylvania a chance to freely express their will through their representatives, in requiring that all committee members shall be elected by the members of the House and Senate, respectively.

4 I shall fight with all the strength within me to deliver the State from the iniquitous system of making appropriations that has prevailed under Penroseism.

I believe in liberal appropriations to deserving charities, but with a fair economical and systematic plan of distribution and under closer State supervision. We should put an end for all time to the abominable system of log-rolling that has been used to blackmail, coerce and intimidate the members of Senate and House to vote for obnoxious measures in order to secure deserved appropriations for the charitable institutions in their communities—a system of which the scandals connected with the constructions of the Rittersville Insane Asylums and other institutions are an illustration and a part; that has resulted in the shameful overcrowding of our insane asylums and the disgraceful neglect to properly guard feeble-minded women and girls.

5 A feature of the vicious system of making appropriations has been to pass bills far in excess of the revenues, putting it up to the Governor to cut them down. In future the appropriations must be kept within the income as they pass the Legislature. If they are not and I am Governor I will recall the Legislature in special sessions to perform the duties it was elected to do.

6 I am in favor of local option. I agree with President Wilson's position on this question which is truly Democratic, when he said: "I am a thorough believer in local self-government, and believe that every self-governing community which constitutes a social unit

should have the right to control the matter of regulation or the withholding of licenses."

7 I am strong for liberal annual appropriations to build and maintain good roads and the adoption of a system which will care for the dirt roads as well as the main highways. The defeat of the bond issue to build roads was not only on account of economical reasons, but because of the people's distrust of the present highway department and of their conviction that the money if borrowed would be used only in small part for the purpose intended. I pledge myself to reorganize the State Highway Department and put it on a scientific, business basis.

8 I favor a re-writing of the tax laws to more nearly equalize the burdens upon the tax-payers and to assure to every citizen the knowledge that every other man and corporation are doing their full share towards paying the cost of government. Municipal home rule in the matter of taxation is constantly meeting with increased favor and is truly Democratic in principle.

9 I am firmly in favor of the legislature comprised in the bills that were recommended by the Legislative Committee of the Democratic State Central Committee before the session of 1913, and which were introduced in the House by leading Democratic members, including the extension of the Civil Service Law to the State and its municipal divisions and the passage of an improved Employers Liability Act, the Workmen's Compensation Act, the improvement of our Child Labor Laws, and efficient supervision of the State penal and reformatory institutions.

10 I stand for the Initiative and Referendum but do not favor the recall of judges or judicial decisions.

11 The Women in Pennsylvania are entitled to a vote upon their right of suffrage. Justice demands equal rights for women.

12 I favor the conservation of the natural resources of Pennsylvania.

The Democratic Party in Pennsylvania has been reorganized. That reorganization has been overwhelmingly approved by the Democratic voters of the State. To make sure the success of the party and the redemption of the State from Penroseism at the election in November, the Party must in May nominate a ticket not only free from any taint of Penroseism, but above the suspicion of it—a ticket that will command the respect and confidence of the people of Pennsylvania. The bi-partisan machine has been shattered. It must be smashed beyond hope of repair.

Republican Newspapers Favor Ryan.

One of the best evidences that Michael J. Ryan, the Philadelphia city solicitor, is not a Democrat of the stripe that ought to head the Democratic ticket in Pennsylvania, is that his candidacy is well spoken of by a number of Republican newspapers throughout the state. These papers are of more or less importance in their own party—Bellefonte Keystone Gazette, for instance, is a Ryan supporter, and so is the Bellefonte Republican. Now can any one believe these newspapers would want an easier mark than Ryan to oppose the regular Republican nominee for governor?

Pennsylvania's Corn the Best.

At the national corn show held at Dallas, Texas, Pennsylvania won first prize in the yellow dent variety. The prize for single ear white dent and flat were also awarded to this state. The grand championship for the ten best ears of any corn in the show was won by Maryland. Pennsylvania won in competition with the New England states, New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland.

Bowser is the real thing. Saturday evening, March 7th. It's easier to make a new broom sweep clean than to keep clean.

TO OUR PATRONS.

It was July 26th, 1900, that the writer purchased The Centre Reporter from the late Frederick Kurtz, who established it in Centre Hall in 1868, and on Saturday a half interest in the plant was transferred by bill of sale to Edward E. Bailey, who from this on will assume the role of local editor and business manager.

During the period that the writer had complete control of The Centre Reporter the business relations between him and the many patrons of the newspaper were most pleasant, and profitable to a reasonable extent. The business grew materially in all its branches—subscription list, advertising department, and job department. The equipment of the plant has been very much improved, and today is worth more than twice its value on day of purchase; the subscription list is almost double that of fourteen years ago; and its output of commercial work has trebled. The Centre Reporter quarters—its office and fixtures—have also kept pace with the general improvement of the plant, and today is all one could desire.

The policy of this paper will remain the same as heretofore. In politics, like it has been since its birth, The Centre Reporter will continue to be Democratic. It is Democratic in the new sense of that word—an ardent supporter of the Wilson way; in the state it holds to the regular Democratic State organization which is Wilsonized from top to bottom; and so it stands in the county.

This paper is a builder, not a destroyer; it will support any movement that it believes to be for the public good, and it will oppose any and everything that has the appearance of being opposed to the best interest of the majority. This is not a new turn, but it is the former declaration of this paper repeated; these are the principles upon which The Centre Reporter has built its business.

With the infusion of new and younger blood, The Centre Reporter will strive to not only maintain its present standing, but it will aim to enlarge its field of usefulness. Our partner is not a stranger to our customers. Much of the success of this paper, as well as the business in general, has been due to the mechanical skill and untiring efforts of this young man, who gave his whole time since his school days to the building up of the business in which he now shares.

Fully appreciating the patronage during the past, its continuance is solicited.

S. W. SMITH.



MITCHELL A. PALMER

THE NEW MINISTER.

Millheim Home-Talent Company Renders Play and Pleases Large Audience.

The Millheim home talent company pleased a large audience in Centre Hall on Saturday evening when it rendered "The New Minister." The liberal, hearty applause from the pit and the general good feeling among the gallery gods made the actors feel comfortable, and spurred them to do their best. As a whole the play was well rendered, and several of the individuals were roundly applauded for particular acts of merit. This play was rendered by Boalsburg home talent within the past year, and many comparisons were made by those in the audience who had heard them.

The combination working on Saturday evening were under the direction of the Ladies' Civic Club of Millheim, and of this organization Mrs. G. F. Frank is the president, and she also took an active part in the play. The organization is particularly aiming to secure for Millheim a town hall, and the half of the proceeds will be added to a fund being created for that purpose.

Miss Miller, who was finally selected as a bride by the new minister, is a charming maiden—a school girl. Her singing is entitled to special mention. Mr. Duck is another character who performed his part as a baseball enthusiast and soloist in good style. Messrs. Goodhart, Musser and Auman, as committeemen, were equal to the occasion of giving the new minister, Mr. Springer, timely and, under the circumstances, needed advice. The ladies' sewing circle was costumed to perfection, and had for its leader Mrs. Smith. The Ladies' Aid Society was a band of handsome youngsters that might play havoc with any minister who meant to select a bride in a country where polygamy is prohibited.

THE PERSONNEL OF COMPANY.

Lloyd Stover, William Duck, John Wilcox, Stuart Bron, Margaret Miller, May Musser, Mamie Shelton, Edith Sankey, Mrs. Thrombe, Mrs. Lewis Winegardner, Mrs. Marcellus Sankey, Mrs. George Sechrist, Mrs. Harry McManaway, Mrs. Robert Stover, Mrs. Charles McClellan, Ralph Goodhart, Claude Musser, Ralph Auman, Guy Springer, Jennie Reifsnnyder, Lora Bell Musser, Irene Watkins, Mrs. (Dr.) G. F. Frank, Mrs. Thomas Meyer, Mrs. John Eby, Mrs. Fred Hosterman, Mrs. W. F. Smith, Mrs. George Homan, Mrs. Stewart Keene.

Fell on Circular Saw.

William L. Snook of near Maitland, Millin county, fell on a circular saw while engaged in the Irvin Yetter mill, and was cut to pieces. The man's right leg from toes to knee were badly mangled, and entirely severed his left leg above the hip, the saw passing through his groin and the lower part of his abdomen in a diagonal direction. Death was instantaneous.

Go To The Central State Normal School.

The Spring term of twelve weeks begins April 6. The total cost is \$66.50 if you are over seventeen years old and intend to teach. A thorough review of the common branches, special instruction in Pedagogy and an opportunity to observe Teaching in the Training-school, are features of this term. Send for particulars and illustrated catalog to Dr. George P. Slinger, Principal, Lock Haven, Pa.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Change of Scene.

A germ lived on a dollar bill And led an active life. He daily passed from bill to bill And saw a deal of strife. He had a nervous breakdown soon And life lost all its zest. His doctor then prescribed the boon Of quietude and rest. From former haunts that germ has gone, His worries now are nil. He leads a peaceful life upon A thousand dollar bill.

A hot air furnace was installed by T. L. Smith in the new residence being erected by John D. Lucas.

Commissioner Jacob Woodring and Dr. Thomas C. Van Tries are on a trip to the Southland, Tampa, Florida, to be the farthest point.

Bowser, the man that made you laugh a year ago whether you wanted to or not, will be on hand again on Saturday evening, March 7th.

Ray Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Williams, formerly of near this place, will occupy the Reed Brother's farm near Pine Grove after the first of April.

We were all disappointed last week if we woke up in the morning and did not find a few inches of snow had fallen during the night. The snow shovel was the most used implement about the house.

The public, outside of Bellefonte, is led to believe that Rev. Dr. Hawes is the only live wire in his profession that is searing the boob element. The doctor is a full forty-candle power machine, with no burnt out fuses.

John B. Ruble is at home for a week from State College, he where has been helping Contractor Miller construct the horticultural building. The carpenters are now waiting on the plasterers to finish their part of the work.

Clifford G. Roe, a pioneer antagonist of the white slave traffic, will lecture in Bellefonte on Saturday evening. During the whole of next week he will be at State College. Mr. Roe is a brilliant lawyer, and is well known on the platform. He is a resident of Chicago.

The Millheim Hosiery Company made a proposition to the Millheim borough council to light the streets in that town and also furnish light for domestic purposes. The street lights were rated at \$12 per light for each lamp of 40 kilowatt power, and the minimum number of lights to be forty. Light for domestic purposes is to be furnished at twelve cents per kilowatt hour. A committee was appointed to look into the merits of the offer and report to the council.

Mrs. Ludy Henney entertained a number of relatives and friends on Sunday, it being a homecoming day for the descendants of her father, J. O. Deninger, who makes his home with her. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. James E. Stewart, and sons Clem and Herbert, New Bloomfield; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Wright, Geary, Indiana; William D. Shoop, Bellefonte; Mrs. Mary Shoop, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shoop, Wilbur A. Henney and son Ralph, Centre Hall, Mrs. Lizzie Whorley and son Bruce Wolf, Altoona; and Margarettes Tressler, Centre Hall.

High Spots in the Platform of Gubernatorial Candidate McCormick

1. Determination to be his own Governor, if elected.
2. Economical business administration.
3. Reformation of rules of Legislature so that members may elect committees instead of having them appointed.
4. Deliverance of State from iniquitous system of charity appropriations.
5. Pledge to call special session if Legislature fails to do its duty.
6. Favorable to local option in agreement with President Wilson's position on the question.
7. Liberal appropriations for good roads and adoption of system that will care for dirt roads.
8. Re-writing of State tax laws to equalize the burden of taxation.
9. Improvement of humane laws covering child labor, workmen's compensation, employers' liability, extension of civil service and prison reform.
10. Initiative and referendum but against recall of judges and judicial decisions.
11. Right of women of Pennsylvania to vote upon their right of suffrage. "Justice demands equal rights for women."
12. Conservation of natural resources of State.

Transfers of Real Estate.

John Hamilton et ux to O. H. Bathgate, lot of land in State College. \$1,000.
James J. Shannon to Anna M. Miess, lot of land in Rush twp. \$350.
Elias G. Irvin to Bebe Bones, tract of land in Julian. \$50.
Frederick Slegle et al to W. E. Sheffer, 4 tracts of land in Miles twp. \$400.
Maud Peightal et al to Mary H. Peters, tract of land in Phillipsburg. \$1,000.
Thomas G. McCausland et ux to William F. Gilbert et al, tract of land in Rush twp. \$200.

Miss Beaulieu Entertainer.

On Thursday evening of last week Miss Savilla Beaulieu entertained about a score of her friends at her home in Centre Hall. The refreshments, of course, were a feature, and the guests are profuse in their terms of praise when speaking of her as a hostess.

Harvey Brothers at State College have disposed of their confectionery store located in the Nitany Inn block to Roth & Robbins.

Harry Bowser, the Humorist.

Mr. Bowser comes to the lyceum platform and chautauque this season with new popular lectures on "The Philosophy of Fun," and "Brain Mells." They are live ones. They are novel presentations of happy messages. At the same time a riot of wholesome fun and a heart message to every man, woman and child. Mr. Bowser is richly endowed with the rare gift of true oratory, a pleasing, polished, powerful speaker. He has an easy, natural, magnetic platform presence, always with his audience and his audience always with him. A close student of human nature, he is a happy dispenser of the sunny side. All of his lectures create a cheerful, invigorating atmosphere. Whoever you are, wherever you are, you will like this man Bowser because he likes you and wants to give you a lift into the sunshine.

Grange Acadia, Saturday evening, March 7th. Admission: General, 20 cents; children, 10c; reserved seats, 25 cents.

Miss Eliza Moore, who has been in Harrisburg since last fall, is expected in Centre Hall today (Thursday.)