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MCLEAN IN SADDLE LEADS DEMOCRATS

CONFIDENCE IN PALMER AND BELIEF THAT WILSON WILL TRIUMPH IN NOVEMBER.

UNITED, AGGRESSIVE PARTY

Live-Wire New State Chairman Has Co-operated With Roland S. Morris, Whose Record of Sacrifices for Democracy Wins Tributes From All Sides.

The new chairman of the Democratic State Committee, William S. McLean, Jr., of Wilkes-Barre, has conspicuously co-operated with the Democratic "reorganization" leaders of the state in their work of the last few years.

Since Mr. McLean, as leader of his party in that county, in 1911, made Democrats the successors of the Republicans, who had been holding the county offices, he has been constantly laboring for the further advancement of the Democratic party.

Labor of Morris Appreciated. Tributes to the record of the retiring state chairman, Roland S. Morris, of zeal, fidelity and accomplishment, have appeared in many Democratic newspapers of the state.

The newspaper commendation heretofore particularly referred to, expresses comprehension of the difficulties which had beset the earnest and patriotic labors of Mr. Morris during the years of his co-operation with National Committeeman A. Mitchell Palmer in efficiently reconstructing the Democratic organization of the state upon a sound basis.

Prosperity, wages, commerce, industrial expansion, international law—all are aboard the Democratic band wagon, which bears the label "America first, last and always." Seating capacity is ample for Republicans.

Voters will think about the things that were disturbing the political thought of the country four years ago, and will contrast them with what has been going on under the Wilson administration.

as a candidate for another term in the White House, he will triumph at the polls next November. In giving the meeting's remarkable evidence that the Democratic party of the state is hopefully united, representatives of every element of the Democracy participated.

The state platform which the committee adopted specifically covers the achievements of the President and the Democratic Congress, which have aided in bringing about the prevailing era of almost unexampled prosperity. The platform's aggressiveness against "the corrupt, reckless and extravagant policies of the ring-ruled Republican organization in Pennsylvania" forecasts a state campaign of straight and heavy hitting from the Democratic shoulder.

All Signs Point Wilson's Way. The state committee's confident prediction of Wilson's selection by an overwhelming majority has its basis in his admirable and rarely equalled statesmanship, which has carried the country safely through extraordinary difficulties and trials.

After the election of a Democratic Congress in 1910 Wilson's election followed in 1912. Two years later, although with reduced strength, the Democrats still held Congress. That Democratic falling off, however, was in a year when the Republicans and Progressives stood together instead of giving the Democrats again the advantage which they gained from the Republican split in 1912.

"Why did you not put legislation of this character on the statute books when you were in power?" asked Representative Hensley of Missouri in the House in a recent speech upon the rural credits bill.

For a while after the Democrats revised the tariff the Republicans apologized for prosperity by saying that it was merely a continuation of Republican good times. Then they said it was the war. And now they are saying that business is good merely because the country knows that Democratic rule is nearing the end.

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STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

The Latest Gleanings From All Over the State.

TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Raymond Schneck, a Slattington youth, in a fall from a cherry tree fractured an arm in two places. Robert Tompkins, aged seventy-five, a Civil War veteran, died suddenly in the Valley Hotel, South Easton, as he was partaking of a lunch.

There is a movement on foot among the 1,200 Sons of Veterans in the Lehigh Valley, to enlist as a body for service in Mexico. These sons of veterans compose the Second Regiment, S. of V., of the Pennsylvania Brigade, fully officered and thoroughly drilled.

Cyrus Mohr and Bert Reinhard, both of Vera Cruz, Lehigh county, were drowned, and Calvin Raudenbush, a companion, had a narrow escape, when a small boat in which they were fishing in the ice dam on the Perkiomen Creek at Palm capsized, throwing the men into water eighteen feet deep.

After being on trial for two days, H. Price Graffius, a disbarred Blair county lawyer, was found guilty of criminally libelling Attorney H. A. Davis, Governor Brumbaugh's campaign manager. Graffius was accused of circulating writing reflecting on the professional reputation of Davis during the campaign.

Mrs. John Vargo filed a claim for compensation for the death of her husband who was killed during the riot in Braddock on May 2. She asserts that he was shot while on his way to work as a laborer in the mills of the Carnegie Steel Company.

Altoona is to take a referendum on whether or not the lid shall be clamped on Sunday. This was virtually agreed upon when Mayor Charles E. Rhodes' Sunday-closing ordinance came up in Council for final consideration.

Reports received in Harrisburg tell of prospects of an unusual yield of hay this year, the crop being above the average as far as condition goes at this period of the year for the past ten years.

O'NEIL NAMED TO INSURANCE POST

McKeesport Man Gets Commissioner-ship—Captain G. Chal Port Made State Fire Marshal.

Governor Brumbaugh filled two of the vacancies in major places on Capitol Hill by appointing J. Denny O'Neil, of McKeesport, as Insurance Commissioner, and Captain G. Chal Port, of Huntingdon, as State Fire Marshal.

The insurance commissioner's office carries a salary of \$7,500, and the office of fire marshal, \$5,000 a year. The appointments leave Highway Commissioner and Manager of the State Fund the only big places to fill.

Captain Port is an old friend of the Governor and is Republican State Committeeman from Huntingdon county. He was formerly head of the Pennsylvania Railroad police on the Middle Division and had charge of many important cases, rounding up some bad gangs of car robbers.

To Fight White Pine Disease. The State Department of Forestry is making a general survey of all white pine plantations in the State in order to check up on the tree disease known as the white pine blister, two or three infections of which have been found.

Death Warrants For Two Murderers. Governor Brumbaugh issued death warrants for the electrocution of Jacob Miller, Philadelphia, and H. E. Miller, Westmoreland, in the week of July 17.