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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Prothonotary—WM. F. SMITH.
For District Attorney—WM. J. SINGER.
N. B. SPANGLER,
Chairman.

Editorial.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

To our Patrons and the Public:—During the past week an important change has been effected in the affairs of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT. The entire plant, consisting of machinery, type, material, subscription list and all property owned by the "Centre Democrat Publishing Company" was purchased by the undersigned, who has become sole owner, and will continue the same as editor and proprietor.

In November 1888, the writer assumed editorial control of this paper, and later became publisher. At that time there were many discouragements to face. The paper had an insignificant subscription list, no advertising and no job printing patronage. The establishment was in disrepute with every business house in Bellefonte, the office was located in an exceedingly uninviting quarter; and worst of all, had no capital to depend upon. Under these surroundings the writer began the struggle. Putting it in a more homely phrase, it was a desperate case of "root hog, or die" and to the surprise of many the latter calamity was avoided. The CENTRE DEMOCRAT soon sprang into public favor and has had the pleasure of enjoying the same ever since. At this time it is proper to acknowledge the support received during this period of struggle, and to assure those who have stood by us that it will always be gratefully appreciated. To those who have differed from our course or entertain any grievances, we would ask them to concede to us, at least, good intentions and honesty of purpose.

As to the future. It is not the intention to begin with elaborate predictions and promises. Some decided changes will be made in the paper and its equipment as we move along. It seems unnecessary to state that in the future, as in the past, this paper will always be found an earnest and enthusiastic exponent of the principles of true Democracy; at the same time cautiously avoiding those dangerous extremes—blinded prejudice and political bigotry, so often the bane of modern journalism.

It will be our aim to furnish a paper that will be a welcome visitor to every hearthstone and fireside, and prove a potent influence for all that contributes to the public good—a newspaper that will merit the support of a worthy constituency, and win the hearty approval of all good citizens.

CHAS. R. KURTZ.

The republican state convention will meet at Harrisburg on August 28th.

The legislature has adjourned and the country is still safe.

BELLEFONTE is now starting on her second century lap. May her future be as illustrious as was the past.

The signs of prosperity breaking from every section is having a sickening effect upon our republican friends. Calamity is no good.

HASTINGS does not know what to do with the famous Garb Bill. One way or the other, he will get his foot in it.

THE President, on Friday, appointed Richard J. Onley, the former Attorney General, Secretary of State, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Secretary Gresham. Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, O., will be Mr. Onley's successor as Attorney General. Both are competent men for the prominent positions.

THE legislature adjourned last Saturday amid confusion and disorder, caused by the warring factions of the republican party of the state. A complete summary of the work of the legislature is published in another column of this issue. It presents a startling array of extravagance and an apparent move from every quarter to make a raid on the state's finances. The people now can fully appreciate the true merit of an administration like that of Robert E. Pattison.

THINK of it. The recent legislature, which adjourned on Saturday, appropriated \$1,369,816.48 to pay the salaries of state officers and individual expenses of the various departments. On the other hand the appropriations made for the same purposes by the legislature of 1893, under Pattison's administration, amounted to only \$559,659.26. Here is an increase of \$717,157.22 in two years. The amount is appalling and especially in a time when the most rigid economy should be expected. Democrats who voted for republican members of legislature and a republican governor can now fully appreciate their mistake. Let them profit in the future.

OUR TICKET.

It is unnecessary to write an extended article upon the men placed in nomination on the democratic county ticket, on Tuesday. They are well known to almost every citizen in the county, by reason of the official capacity in which they served during the past three years. Mr. Wm. F. Smith as Prothonotary, and Wm. J. Singer, as District Attorney faithfully discharged every trust reposed in them; and without a dissenting voice, there was a unanimous sentiment for their re-nomination and re-election.

This year the county ticket is a small one in point of numbers, but that should be no reason for indifference, or lethargy and inattention. The party ticket has been named and it is unquestionably a good one. Now it is the duty of the democracy to rally around their standard bearers and give them true, loyal support.

Upon the various members of the county committee, who have accepted their appointments, develops an important responsibility. The county chairman, N. B. Spangler, needs the active support of each and every committee-man, which they pledged by their acceptance.

Democrats of Centre county, stand by your ticket nominated. We can't afford another slump.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS.

R. G. Dunn & Co's. commercial reports are considered the most reliable upon the condition of trade, etc. Their review of the past week contains the following encouraging expressions:

"The tide of business is rising, even as it was falling two years ago, with surprising rapidity. The gain has gone so far and so fast in some branches that the more conservative fear it may not be maintained. But the period of dullness which comes in each market after an unusual rise brings as yet nothing like a corresponding decline."

Iron pushes upward like the great buildings into which so much of it goes and the advance in finished products has become general. Of structural steel 12,600 tons were turned out in May by the Homestead works, breaking the record, and prices rose to 1.3 cents for beams and 1.2 for angles. Coke producers are said to have substantially agreed upon scales by an agency and allotment of output, and an advance in price to \$1.50 or higher.

This and purchases of 50,000 tons by the largest producer of pig iron have raised Bessemer to \$12 at Pittsburg, and Southern pig has again been advanced twenty-five cents. Failures for the week have been 195 in the United States, against 216 last year, and twenty-five in Canada, against forty last year.

Patrons of Centre County in Centre.

The regular meeting of Centre County Pomona Grange, No. 13, was held in the Hall of Bald Eagle Grange, No. 251, at Milesburg, on the 28th ult. The meeting opened promptly at 10.30 a. m., Hon. I. S. FRAIN, master, in the chair. The report of the secretary of the Patrons Insurance Company gave evidence of gain during the quarter.

The committee to consider the propriety of establishing a general exhibition department of cereals, fruits, vegetables and general farm products at the annual picnic and exhibition to be held on Grange Park, September 14-21, 1895, reported progress but were not prepared to submit a final report. The committee was instructed to submit a final report at the next meeting in August.

The committee raised in 1894 to consider the propriety of establishing a general produce exchange in Bellefonte, or elsewhere, submitted a partial report. It was largely suggestive, as nothing definite had been accomplished, but deemed it of the highest importance to the producer and consumer.

Grangers' Reunion.

On account of the Grangers' gathering on Saturday, June 15th, the Central R. R. of Penna. will sell round trip tickets from all stations to Hecla Park and return at the usual picnic rates. In addition to regular trains special trains have been scheduled as follows, for the day:

Leave Bellefonte for Mill Hall at 10.30 a. m.
Leave Mill Hall for Bellefonte at 12.30 p. m.

Leave Bellefonte for Hecla Park at 2.00 p. m.

Leave Hecla Park for Bellefonte at 4.00 p. m.

Band Festival.

The Fort Matilda Cornet band will hold a festival and picnic on the 4th of July in William Beckwith's grove, about a quarter of a mile from Fort Matilda. Everybody is invited and have a pleasant time.

The railroads will carry a man from New York to San Francisco for \$80. They will carry a hog weighing the same as a man for \$6. Congressmen free. The advantage in favor of a hog is \$74, and the advantage of being a congressman is \$80. The people are not in it when it comes to a show down with the hogs and congressmen.

A MAGNIFICENT CELEBRATION.

Bellefonte's Centennial Day a Great Success.

SPLENDID DEMONSTRATIONS.

The Firemen's Convention Largely Attended—A Fine Parade on Thursday—Centennial Day the Town Was Thronged With Visitors—Best of Order Prevalent.

Bellefonte had her centennial anniversary and there is a universal sentiment in pronouncing it a splendid success in every feature. The great throng that visited our beautifully decorated town on Thursday and Friday were highly delighted with the programme of entertainment prepared for them; and our people are equally gratified to know that their labors were appreciated and considered a pronounced success. Bellefonte again covered itself with glory—because her citizens are loyal, because local pride and love of home institutions asserts itself on such occasions, which, coupled with energy and enterprise, is always bound to succeed. Bellefonte is proud of her record, and that is why we felt like rejoicing. There could not have been more propitious weather. A cool, balmy breeze made Thursday and Friday most delightful celebration days.

FIREMEN MEET.

On Wednesday afternoon the delegates to the Firemen's Convention met in the court house. Burgess W. E. Gray made the opening address of welcome, which was responded to by Mr. Gilbert Greenburg, of Huntingdon. Clearfield, Pa., was unanimously chosen as the place for holding the next convention. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—W. L. Johnston, DuBois.
First Vice President—J. C. Smith, Clearfield.
Second Vice President—Frank Weber, Phillipsburg.
Secretary—W. A. Moore, Curwensville.

Treasurer—Frank C. Wolf, Bellefonte. A resolution was passed urging Gov. Hastings to approve the bill awarding pensions to disabled firemen. The reception given in the Armory Wednesday evening by the Undine Fire Company, was a social success. Thursday morning the firemen's parade occurred and it was a magnificent display by the fire boys of Central Pennsylvania. The following are the fire companies in line:

Hope Fire Company No. 2, Phillipsburg—Clearfield No. 1—Citizens No. 2, Tyrone—Houtdale Fire Company No. 1—Union Hose Co. No. 2, DuBois—Hand-in-Hand Fire Company, Lock Haven—Fourth Ward Hose, of DuBois—Bellwood Excelsior Hose Co.—The Logau Steam Fire Company No. 1, of Bellefonte—Undine Steam Fire Company No. 2, Bellefonte—The Smoky Hollow fire brigade and band, a colored fantastic feature that elicited much merriment along the line, gotten up by the Coleville band.

In the afternoon the various contests took place. The following were the winners:

Hose Contest—Run 500 feet and lay 200 feet of hose, making all connections, was won by Hose No. 2, of Phillipsburg. Time 33 seconds—Houtdale was second in 36.45 sec. First prize, \$30; second prize \$10 lantern.

Tallest Fireman—James Ammerman, of DuBois.

Best Band—The Volunteer Fire Co. band, of DuBois, \$10.

100 yd. Foot Race—Won by Chas. Litz, of DuBois. Time 10 1/2 seconds. Prize, a hat.

Hob Race—Run 100 feet, won by Hope No. 2, Phillipsburg, in 42.1-5 sec. Prize, \$15.

Drill—Won by Houtdale Co. Prize, \$15.

Largest Company—Won by Hope No. 2, Phillipsburg, prize \$10.

Best Uniformed Co.—Won by Hope No. 2, Phillipsburg. Prize \$15.

Potato Race—Won by W. P. Butler, of Phillipsburg, in 1 min. 51 sec. He ran 50 yds. and gathered six potatoes, one at a time, and won a handsome umbrella.

Steamer Contest—As the Hope Co., of Phillipsburg, was the only organization to bring an engine, it won the \$50 prize very easily. The home steamers being debared.

Thursday evening the wheelmen made a magnificent illuminated display that surpassed anything ever seen here in that line. The display of fireworks, from in front of the jail, completed the day's programme.

CENTENNIAL DAY.

Friday morning great throngs of people began to swarm into Bellefonte from every direction. They came by rail, by carriages, on horseback, and many "hoofed it." The streets were packed and jammed until almost impassable. Civic organizations, business floats, brass bands, mounted horsemen hurrying to and fro to their various positions, engaged the morning hours. Exactly at the appointed time, 11 a. m., Chief Mar-

shall Dr. H. K. Hoy gave the order for the parade to move. It was a gorgeous procession of military, civic, industrial and historical features that kept the thousands fixed in wrapped attention while the pageant passed.

The cadet corps was an interesting feature and in which the boys made a fine showing. The "Wheels of Time" was a prepared float and appropriate, while the old boat was quite a joke at the expense of Milesburg. The industrial display was magnificent and in keeping with our business enterprise.

Friday afternoon a public meeting was held in the court house with C. M. Bower, Esq., presiding. Gen. James A. Beaver delivered a carefully prepared address on this occasion, and which we publish entire in another portion of this issue. Friday evening a grand display of fireworks occurred near the depot, after which the crowds dispersed to their homes and one of Bellefonte's greatest events was concluded.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

One remarkable feature was the splendid order that prevailed. There were no accidents, fights or disturbances to mar the exercises.

Friday afternoon several fakirs were arrested for defrauding the public, but as no case could be made out against them, they were released upon condition of paying the costs.

Speaking of fakirs, the like was never seen. They came to sell liberty bells, firemen's badges and emblems of all kinds; engravers, the gyroscope man, the museum of anatomy—for men only, the man who sold watch chains for 25 cents and made you a valuable present, the pretty little Italian flower girl, the peanut vender, sam-bawndwiches, etc., all were here to lend variety and excitement to the day.

The only unpleasant feature of the occasion is that our town was infested by a band of professional, light-fingered gentry who plied their calling with great success and from reports had a bountiful harvest. It is simply astonishing to learn how many people had their pockets picked in Bellefonte. In some cases the amounts reached over \$100 and in total would make a large aggregate. Similar catches were also taken. Who the gang were, and where they came from, is still a mystery.

On Friday afternoon Laurie's steam laundry took fire and in a short time the entire roof was ablaze. The department responded promptly and after a heroic effort they managed to subdue the flames. The loss will be about \$200 on which there is no insurance. This fire scene and working of the steamers was a bit of entertainment not looked for.

The Relic Exhibit, at the school house, continued until Wednesday of this week. It was a display worthy of laudation. Never in the history of our town was there such a rare collection of articles of great historical value.

CENTENNIAL ADDRESS.

Made Friday by Gen. James A. Beaver at the 100th Anniversary of Bellefonte.

Last Friday afternoon Gen. James A. Beaver had the honor of delivering the centennial address at the 100th anniversary of Bellefonte. It was an able production and so much admired by all who heard it that we have been earnestly requested to publish it which is as follows:

FELLOW-TOWNSMEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

One hundred years ago our forefathers, with wise forethought and keen foresight, laid out and founded a village where we now reside which they believed would be a centre of influence, a desirable place for residence and to which would naturally gravitate the business of the surrounding region. The year was propitious. Probably in no other single year of the history of Pennsylvania were so many enterprises of like character and equal success started as in the year 1795. The locality was, in all respects, happily chosen and fully satisfying. One hundred years of practically continuous and uninterrupted progress and prosperity fully vindicate the wisdom of the choice of our founders. We, their successors, have not overestimated the importance of this anniversary nor have we celebrated it with too much of acclamation and eclat.

No celebration of an event of this kind in our country seems to be complete without an address, and, inasmuch as you have kindly imposed the duty of making this address for the occasion upon me, I approach its discharge with much of delicacy and diffidence. For the reasons, first, that I am not "to the manor born," and, second, that there are so many who have fuller knowledge of the facts and are in many ways better qualified than I for meeting the requirements of the occasion.

History is more than a mere narrative of like character and equal success of human events. To be worthy the name of history such a narrative must recite a series of events in the life of our race which directly or indirectly, positively or negatively, by imitation or avoidance, tends to advance civilization and promote the general welfare. If this be true, the lives of those who preceded our immediate forefathers in this locality are entitled to but little consideration. They contributed nothing to the civilization of the generations following them and left behind them little which in our day can be regarded as worthy of imitation. The influences which combined

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LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS.

A Complete Review of the Work done at Harrisburg.

MANY NEW OFFICES CREATED.

Nearly 600 Bills go to the Governor—Four Hundred and Fifty to Decide upon in the next Thirty Days—A Vast Amount of Important Legislation Killed—Some of the Measures that have been Approved.—Array of Extravagance.

The legislature which closed up its affairs on Saturday disposed of a great deal of business. It was a session in which there was much discussion upon almost every measure of importance. The principal bills that passed finally, and which were the subjects of the warmest debates, were the Marshall bill repealing the pipe line law of 1885, the Farr compulsory education bill, the Smith religious garb bill, the Woods water works bill, the bills allowing traction companies to consolidate and lease competing lines, the bill creating a superior court and those for the making of a greater Pittsburg. Allegheny county has gotten more from this legislature than any other section of the state.

About 1,200 bills were introduced. Of these 587 have gone to the governor. He has signed 112, vetoed twenty-five and has 450 to decide upon in the next thirty days.

The legislature will go down into fame for creating more new offices than any other in the history of the Commonwealth. The legislation of this character was the act reorganizing the banking department and increasing the salary of the commissioner to \$6,000; increasing the salary of the adjutant general from \$2,500 to \$4,000; creating the office of executive clerk and providing for the appointment of two additional clerks for the senate; creating the department of agriculture with a secretary of agriculture for a term of four years with a salary of \$1,000, a deputy secretary at \$3,000 to be director of farmers' institutes, also dairy and food commissioner, economic zoologist, forestry commissioner and state veterinarian with salaries of \$2,500 each and a clerk at \$1,500 each; creating the office of deputy auditor general at a salary of \$3,000; increasing the salary of the superintendent of public buildings and grounds from \$1,400 to \$4,000; authorizing the election of two additional transcribing clerks, a bill clerk and two additional doorkeepers of the house; increasing the number of factory inspectors from twelve to twenty at a salary of \$1,400 each; authorizing the employment of two additional draughtsmen in the department of internal affairs to copy old records and surveys and increasing the salary of the deputy secretary of internal affairs to \$3,000; establishing a state board of veterinary medical examiners to consist of five members whose expenses are to be paid from fees; creating a commission to consist of three senators and three representatives to make inquiry and report to the next legislature the best method of utilizing convict labor so as not to interfere with legitimate industries; establishing a live stock sanitary board to consist of the governor, secretary of agriculture, state dairy and food commissioner and the state dairy and food commissioner and the state veterinarian; establishing a separate orphans' court in Schuylkill county.

Some of the most important bills approved by the governor follow: Making it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$100 or imprisonment not exceeding one year, to willfully or wantonly raise a false alarm of fire; fixing the number of councilmen to be elected in boroughs at seven, they to be elected for a term of three years; authorizing judges during vacation, or when court is not in session, to approve bonds of railroad and canal companies for land damages; authorizing notary public, prothonotaries and clerks of courts to administer oaths and take affidavits in divorce proceedings; abolishing the law of 1772 by striking out the provision requiring the kissing of the Bible in the administration of oaths so that hereafter all swearing will have to be done with the uplifted hand or the laying of the hand on the open book; authorizing county commissioners to erect and maintain a suitable monument at the county seat in memory of the soldiers and sailors of the late war; punishing pool selling, the receiving or transmitting of bets by telegraph or aiding in pool selling or betting; authorizing county commissioners to appoint county solicitors to serve for three years; requiring the clerk of orphans' court to keep their marriage license docket open for the inspection of the public, to allow copies and abstracts of the same to be made for publication in newspapers, and

providing a penalty of fifty dollars to be levied on such officials who refuse to fulfill the obligations of the act.

There was a vast amount of important legislation killed. From a political standpoint the most important were the congressional, senatorial and legislative apportionment bills and the various propositions to amend the ballot law. In the closing hours of the session the revenue bill framed by the state tax conference and the Cochran bill taxing brewers twenty-four cents a barrel of thirty-one gallons, failed in the senate after having gone through the house. Of special importance to Philadelphia were two bills defeated near the close of the session. They were the judges' retirement bill, which was indefinitely postponed on the last day, and the bill appropriating \$500,000 to improve the Philadelphia harbor.

In the way of railroad bills there were killed measures providing for a reduced fare of one cent to persons who are compelled to stand in street cars; making the uniform railroad fare two cents a mile; regulating the Pullman car service of the state, and compelling companies to post at their stations a time card announcing all delayed trains. The five and three year game bills which prohibited the killing of deer within these periods; an act to prevent the pollution of streams; the game commission bill and the eel basket bill is some of the game legislation which failed.

In the way of liquor legislation a number of bills which were introduced for a purpose were killed. Some of the legislation of this character was the act which prohibited the wholesalers from selling less than a gallon of malt, spirited or brewed liquors; the graded license bill which was proposed to suspend the Brooks' high license law; the Gould bill making it a misdemeanor for minors to wilfully misrepresent their age to procure intoxicating liquors, and the bill to prevent the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors on Memorial day. On the other side was the Pennell local option bill, which was defeated.

Among the other bills defeated was the Smith school fund bill, which provided for the elevation of the school fund on a new basis which would have cost the city of Harrisburg upward of \$5,000 and other cities of the state in like proportion. The bill passed in the house and was killed in the senate committee on education. The bill to establish a department of charities, which would have established uniform rules for state charities and recommend appropriations also fell by the wayside. The bill known as the Senator meat bill, which proposed to compel the state charitable institutions to purchase meat that had been slaughtered in the Commonwealth and none other, was killed. Other measures defeated were bills for the purchase of school books at publishers' prices, ceding jurisdiction to the United States government over the Gettysburg roads, creating the office of state fire marshal and making uniform policies of fire insurance.

Sudden Death.

Joseph George, a citizen of Aaronsburg, aged 65 years, died suddenly of heart failure in his stable where he had gone to feed his pigs, on Monday evening of last week. He was a pensioner of the late war, having served for two days with a company from Juniata county in the 151st P. V.

Your Shoe Bill

Is a big item of your expense. You can

Reduce It

By trading with us. From baby to grandpa, can find suitable

Footwear

Here. We have all sizes, all styles, all prices—for all people. A very

Special Thing

Is our Ladies' Button and Lace.

Mingle's Store.