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

Editorial.

A SUGGESTION.

Notwithstanding that last Fall an overwhelming majority was rolled up for the republican candidates, there are many favorable omens in the horizon that give new courage to the democracy. This year six new Superior Court Judges will be selected in Pennsylvania to fill the positions created by the recent legislature, and it becomes necessary for the leaders of our party to take counsel in this direction, so that they can present a ticket to the public that will command confidence and respect—composed of men who, by learning, disposition and other special qualifications, are eminently fitted for this all-important position, the higher court of our commonwealth, where the intent of all legislative acts are carefully interpreted and the rights and liberties of every citizen sacredly guarded. The democratic party of Pennsylvania can learn a valuable lesson now—that warring factions will break down the strongest organization, and if they drop petty squabbles, and with an old-time unanimity join in the support of a strong judicial ticket, another great victory can be won in the very giberlter of the Grand Old Party.

At the recent democratic county convention the party unanimously endorsed one of our foremost citizens, for a position on the state ticket, this year. From the returns of last Fall, when he ran far ahead of the state and county tickets, it was evident that the public had confidence in his ability and integrity. His long experience as an active practitioner in our local and higher courts, and the success attained, entitle him to thoughtful consideration. For these reasons we believe the democracy of Pennsylvania would act wisely by nominating, for one of the Superior Court Judges, our distinguished citizen and eminent legal advocate, C. M. Bower, Esq. This nomination would add strength to our ticket, and, if elected, would dignify the judiciary of the state.

The democracy has a good fighting chance; but from the start we must have a ticket selected from the very best material. That is why we urge upon our neighboring districts the consideration of Centre county's choice, C. M. Bower, Esq., for one of the six members of the new Superior Court.

The war was fought over again on Tuesday by Dr. Christ and John Daley when they made their speeches placing the name of Abraham Miller before the convention for the office of prothonotary. It was bloody war and all kinds of bosh to arouse sentiment. If Abraham Miller had never held a public position and was not receiving a handsome pension, the Old-soldier racket might have been in place. Riding on that hobby for about thirty years is not patriotism—it smatters more of todism. The old soldier is always respected, but like any other meretricious claim, it can be made ridiculous by continually pushing it before you.

It is the general opinion that had not Hastings heeled, in Bellefonte, traded with Miller's friends, the republican prothonotary nomination would have gone to Mr. Deininger, of Centre Hall. The Hastings people bitterly denounced A. V. Miller and his candidacy up until a few days before the primaries; then they saw the opportunity to make a favorable deal, in which Hastings won and Deininger lost.

GEN. HASTINGS fully realizes that the people of Centre county do not so highly appreciate his official career. That Standard Oil bargain which enables a greater portion to unjustly tax the consumer of a common product is not so soon forgotten, nor will it be forgiven.

EX PRESIDENT HARRISON positively declares that he will not be a candidate again for the presidency. Benjamin displays an unusual amount of intelligence and foresight in this matter.

Going to Atlanta.

Col. J. L. Spangler, has been appointed a committee man to the Cotton States Exposition, Atlanta, Ga., by the Governor. Wm. M. Singler, of the Record, the Gov's. opponent, is a member of the same committee. That was a graceful act.

Col. Spangler is not a member of the Gov's staff, as was reported some time ago. This is the only appointment he received and that comes the same as to several other prominent democrats in the State—a complimentary recognition.

QUAY'S MEN STOOD FIRM.

Exciting Scenes at the Republican County Convention.

QUAY RESOLUTIONS OFFERED.

Smothered by the Committee—A. V. Miller Nominated for Prothonotary—H. C. Quigley, For District Attorney—Hastings wins the Delegates but they Come High—Rather Bitter Harmony.

On Tuesday the republicans of Centre county held their county convention and it was unusually well attended. This was not due to harmonious enthusiasm, but the direct opposite—intense bitterness, and discordant factions that have kept the party in turmoil for the past month. The contest was between the Hastings howlers and the anti-Hastings element in Centre county who supported Quay for state chairman. The anti-Hastings wing entered the contest for the purpose of recording the fact that they are displeased with the present administration. It never entered their minds that they could defeat Gov. Hastings in his own home, but at the same time they heroically stood their ground to the finish, never flinching, but went down with Quay's colors defiantly flying in sight of Gen. Hastings' own home and on the very ramparts of his own stronghold. That much they accomplished, anyhow, and they seemed to be content.

On the other hand, the Hastings crowd were alarmed, excited and fearful lest Quay's little band of valiants should steal a march upon them, or gain another advantage. They had spent days and nights in all sections of the county fixing up Hastings fences, renewing the many broken pledges, or repairing them with some of Uncle Sam's green plasters. It is variously estimated that the golden stream that flowed from the brown-stone steps on the diamond, aggregated at least two or three thousand dollars. It permeated every nook and corner of Centre county, and in many instances did good service. Like at the November election, 1894, there was enough Hastings money to buy up Centre county, and they were not ashamed either of this disgraceful debauch of voters; but this time it was necessary to buy their own party. These are reasons why the names, Hastings and Bogdie, have become familiar synonyms. The above are some of the existing conditions that made the republican county convention attractive on Tuesday.

At eleven a. m. the court house was well filled. Conspicuous in the convention was one delegation from Phillipsburg, and Rush who sat outside the bar, and wore white silk badges which bore the significant inscription: "We are republicans and wear no man's collar." These were the Quay delegates. To counteract this the South Phillipsburg and 2nd Ward boro delegation wore badges: "Quay never touched me." "Hastings and Bension."

Conspicuous in the jury box sat Cal. Pifer, colored delegate from the North Ward. This was a sop to the colored voters of Bellefonte who were promised appointments last Fall, by the Governor, but which never came. They can come to county conventions, etc., but nothing further. Editor Harter, who writes nice things about Hastings, was also made a delegate from the same Ward. Back of these stood the gang—Fleming, Malin, Quigley, Keller, Chambers and other prominent party leaders to prompt these, lest they should forget to vote for Hastings at the proper time. Another conspicuous delegation, near by, was from the South Ward—Aikens, Donachy, McClure and McCafferty, who, up until a few days ago, had been pronounced Quay men, came in smiling for Hastings and were sent as delegates. Did the silvery stream from the 1st National Bank also overcome these noble Quayites? The echo answers—

THE CONVENTION.

Co. Chairman W. E. Gray, called the convention to order. The roll call showed 120 delegates out of 124 present. Milesburg refused to send any representatives, and one delegate did not arrive.

John C. Miller, of N. W. Bellefonte, was nominated as Chairman and made a brief address in which he made a strong plea for harmony.

Then followed the selection of Jos. T. Barton, of Unionville, and Andy Gregg of Potter, as secretaries; Harry Keller, Esq., as Reading clerk. Col. Coburn's order of business was adopted.

In order to prevent the little band of Quay men from having any opportunity of addressing the convention in behalf of their choice, Budd Thompson of Port Matilda, was posted to offer a gag motion that "all resolutions offered, be referred to the committee, without debate." That was intended to prevent the Quay men from speaking in the convention and effectively close their mouths.

The Hastings men having control, it passed. The chairman then appointed a committee of five on resolutions, with Dr. G. W. Atherton, President of Penna. State College, as Chairman.

QUAY RESOLUTIONS

At this point of the proceedings a bomb exploded in the Hastings camp when S. S. Crissman, one of Phillipsburg's leading business men and foremost citizens, also a lifelong republican, arose and offered a set of resolutions for the consideration of the committee which he asked the Reading Clerk to read. According to parliamentary usages, this could not be denied. It seemed as though a pall had come over the Hastings people. Reading clerk Keller began the splendid eulogy of the Hon. Matthew Stanley Quay, but he dropped his customary stentorian voice to such a low, and inaudible, tone that only those close to him were able to hear the interesting document read. Its completion received a hearty applause from the Quay delegation and a crowd in the rear of the house.

Next came nominations for delegates to the State convention for this year. The Hastings gang presented D. H. Hastings, and Capt. Bension, of Marion township. The Quay people nominated Victor Gray, of Phillipsburg, and A. A. Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte. As the balloting progressed waves of excitement swept over the crowded house. Loud applause was given for Hastings; when Quay delegates were voting, another applause would come, in which the chagrined Hastings crowd joined with hisses and hoots. And thus it went waves of applause, hoots and hisses. The result was 108 for Hastings and Bension, and 112 for Gray and Dale. At this point Mr. Crissman, a Quay delegate, showed his manly courage by moving that the nomination be made unanimous.

FOR PROTHONOTARY.

This was the next interesting contest. Grant Hoover gracefully withdrew from the contest in a neat little speech. Dr. Christ, of Lemont, and John A. Daley, of Curtin, made elaborate eulogies on A. V. Miller's war record. They fought the war over again, paraded the wounded before the public gaze and intimated that (in spite of his monthly pension and previous public positions) Mr. Miller deserved re-appointment, simply because he had been an old soldier. C. F. Deininger was nominated next. The first ballot resulted: Miller, 86; Deininger, 34.

H. C. Quigley, Esq., was unanimously nominated for District Attorney. He was the only candidate in the field for the position.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

The next important step was the report of Chairman of the committee on resolutions, by Dr. Atherton. It was a masterly effort, nicely worded and elegantly constructed. As might be expected, they are a bundle of sweeping assertions and preposterous claims, consistent with republicanism and were perfectly in order. His eulogy of Hastings, Gilkeson and others was nicely done. Dr. Atherton is under strong obligations to the present administration and, under the pressure, his resolutions must not be accepted as his sentiments and opinions, freely expressed; but as he carefully remarked at the opening they were the "Sense and expression of this convention." This does not commit him to all the nonsense contained. The Dr. discharged an obligation, and did it well.

QUAY RESOLUTIONS.

As many were unable to hear the Quay resolutions read, application was made to the committee for copy of the same. They indignantly refused saying: "No, never; do you think we would give it out to you de-moc-rats." It was learned later that the committee tore the Quay document into strips and then burned them to complete their destruction. In spite of their precautions we herewith present a copy of the same, as at least a half dozen, copies were made before the same was given to the committee:

We, the republicans of Centre county, in convention assembled, recognizing the eminent ability of Hon. M. S. Quay as a leader, and fully appreciating his past services to the party, both in the state and nation,

Resolved, That the delegates this day elected to represent Centre county at the state convention, be, and they are hereby instructed to vote for Hon. M. S. Quay for chairman of the State Central Committee, and employ all honorable means to secure his election.

Resolved, That the unflinching and determined stand he has taken in the national councils, for protection to American industries and the interest of the people generally, entitles him to the respect and confidence, not only of the citizens of the commonwealth, but the people of the whole country.

Resolved, That it is our duty, under all circumstances, to show our gratitude to Col. Quay, the soldier who so gallantly responded to his country's call in its hour of peril.

Resolved, That the interest he has, at all times, manifested in the welfare of the veterans of our late war, should at this time call forth the hearty and united support of his former companions in arms.

Genius Rewarded.

A. G. Ruhl, of Sunbury, is the inventor of a rail splice that will in all probability make his fortune. The splice is simple in design and the use of it will save a railroad company both time and money. It does away with the holes in the end of the rails and the bolted rods now used to fasten rails together. The ends of the rails fit in the splice and the expansion and contraction of the rails do not weaken it. Shortly after his invention had been patented Mr. Ruhl submitted a proposition to the local board of trade to establish a factory for the purpose of manufacturing the splice, but none of the members could be induced to invest. He then turned his attention elsewhere and met with great success.

On last Monday the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad company, through their attorneys, offered him \$80,000 and a royalty of two per cent. for the patent-right of the splice. The offer was accepted and on Wednesday the deal was closed. Parson & Bros., of Scranton, attorneys for the railroad company, have charge of the deal. The splice was given a thorough practical test recently by the officials of the Pennsylvania railroad company, it being tested at Williamsport and on the Western division at Allegheny. It stood a rigid test and the Penny made a big offer for the patent right. However, before the deal could be made, Mr. Ruhl received a better offer from the other company, who will adopt the splice and use it over their entire system.

New Evangelical Churches.

The new church of the United Evangelical church near Tusseyville is nearing completion, and mechanics are at work on the steeple. The church will be dedicated about the beginning of September.

At Loganton work begins next week on a new brick United Evangelical church, and it is expected to be ready for dedication by Thanksgiving week.

At Swissdale, Clinton county, the foundation walls for a new United Evangelical church are completed and the building will be ready for dedication early in October.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Richard Brothers have their jewelry store fixed up in fine shape.

The Presbyterian church, at Centre Hall, got a new bell, last week.

The Methodist Sunday school, of State College, will hold a basket picnic at Hunter's park, on Saturday, July 28th.

Philip Musser, an old resident of Haines township, this county, died on Wednesday of last week and was buried on Thursday.

Chas. P. Hughes, Esq., returned home last week after a vacation of several weeks at Erie, Pa. He says the lake breeze is invigorating.

Miss Jennie Fauble and Wilbur Harris, in the executive department at Harrisburg, spent their last weeks vacation at their homes, this place.

William Grauer's child set fire to its dress while playing with matches, and timely assistance from men passing by saved it from severe injuries.

Mr. A. A. Walker, who has been at Jeanette, Pa., is now at home recovering from an accident. He was struck by a Fast Line train and considerably injured.

Mr. A. N. Corman, one of Miles township's prominent citizens, attended to legal business in Bellefonte on Tuesday, and dropped in to see the Democrat.

An account of the sudden death of John B. Shaeffer, from a stroke by lightning, will be found in our Madisonburg items, by our regular correspondent, in this issue.

Mr. Michael Kelly, of the firm of Kelly Bros., who are extensive operators in the coal fields at Snow Shoe, was in town on Tuesday. He reports work in that section not very strong.

The Clearfield Spirit says: Willie Swoope is in Philadelphia working for the Hog Combine. Willie is chief of the pasters in the newspaper department. Swoope thought he would remain neutral in order to better his chances to succeed Patchin as the republican candidate for Legislature in 1896.

Mr. Web Karstetter dropped into see us on Tuesday morning and reports business good in the Bishop Street Bakery, of which he is proprietor. Mr. Karstetter has gained quite a reputation as a bread, cake and ice cream maker since he opened up the first of April. Give him a trial.

The Grand United Order of colored Odd Fellows will give an entertainment this Thursday, July 25, 1895, in the vacant store room on Bishop street, owned by Mrs. McCarty. Admission, only 10 cents. Each ticket is numbered, and a set of solid silver knives and forks will be awarded to the one holding the lucky number. Everybody buy a ticket, as you do not know your luck.

ELMER BARGER KILLED.

Run Over by a Train at Roland, Pa.

WHILE SITTING ON THE TRACK

Terribly Mangled and Dies from his Injuries
Soon After—Other Interesting Paragraphs For our Readers.

About 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon of last week Elmer Barger, a 23 year old son of James Barger, of Curtin's works, was run over by a freight train and fatally injured. He was sitting on the middle of the track, near that station when the train approached, an attempt was made to stop the train, but it was too late. The engine and seven cars passed over him, tearing and mangling his body in a terrible manner. Drs. Hoy and Locke were immediately summoned and found it necessary to amputate the left leg and arm. The operation was performed in the evening. He was badly cut about the head, had most of his ribs broken, and suffered internal injuries. Young Barger died the next day at half-past ten o'clock, while the doctors were dressing his limb.

Young Barger is a grandson of Grandmother Barger, the oldest person in Centre county, her age being 104 years.

Superior Court Programme.

The new superior court met in the supreme court room, at Philadelphia, last week to receive the report of the committee appointed to adopt rules and apportion the counties to the five districts in which the court will sit. These five districts will center in Philadelphia, Scranton, Williamsport, Harrisburg and Pittsburg.

The report of the committee provides that the justices of the superior court shall annually hold terms of the said and appeals shall be returnable at the following places: First, at Philadelphia (supreme court rooms.) Second at Scranton. Third at Williamsport, for the first Monday of February, the counties of Northumberland, Union, Snyder, Lycoming and Sullivan; for the second Monday of February, the counties of Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Cameron and Elk. For the third Monday of February, the counties of McKean, Potter and Tioga. Fourth at Harrisburg. Fifth at Pittsburg.

The new court met in Harrisburg last Wednesday where it organized.

Valentine Furnace.

The directors of the Valentine Iron Co., met here last Thursday elected the old officers of the corporation with the exception of two directors. John P. Harris, cashier of the First National bank of this place, and Walter L. Ross, of Philadelphia, president of the C. R. R. of Pa., were elected to succeed Judge Campbell, Dec'd and Jacob Valentine, incapacitated owing to ill health. J. W. Gephart was re-elected as president, and Robert Valentine, secretary and treasurer, for the ensuing year. The company has sold all surplus stock, and has orders on hand to keep the entire plant, furnace and rolling mill busy a year.

This is encouraging news to our people. If this plant is so prosperous, why would it not pay to put the Bellefonte Furnace plant in operation again?

Was one of the Libby Prisoners.

General B. F. Fisher, of Philadelphia, has notified General Jesse Merrill, that he will address the Clinton county veterans on August 15, the date that association will hold its reunion at Clintondale park. General Fisher is one of the soldiers who dug his way out of Libby prison and is as good a talker as he was a soldier.

Death of an Infant.

Saturday night the 10-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Newman, of Braddock died with cholera infantum. Mr. and Mrs. Newman came to Bellefonte on last Wednesday for the benefit of the child's health, only to have it die a few days after their arrival.

On Saturday the printers and cigar makers of Bellefonte will play the painters and paper hangers a match game of ball on the grounds at Hunter's Park. A special train will leave the depot for the Park promptly at 1.30 o'clock.

A festival will be held in the yard of the M. E. chapel at Coleville, on Saturday evening. It is for the benefit of the church.

On August 7th the Phillipsburg colored baseball team will come to Bellefonte to cross bats with a team of this place.

The republican resolutions adopted on Tuesday have the customary ring—claiming everything in sight. Dr. Atherton did quite well in this respect.

MILESBURG NOT IN IT.

One of the striking features of the republican convention on Tuesday was the absence of the three delegates from Milesburg. It is not strange when the facts are known. It was related thus:

Mr. John Confer was the regularly appointed committeeman for that boro, by the county chairman. In the Quay-Hastings fight, Mr. Confer, like nearly every other republican in that community, sympathized with Senator Quay and was out-spoken. This did not suit the Hastings ring at Bellefonte. Something must be done. No Quay man dare be in a prominent position, and accordingly he was forthwith removed. A. T. Boggs, who had been an ardent supporter of Quay, suffered, for some reason, a change of base and became a Hastings howler and was appointed local committeeman. Milesburg was almost unanimous for Quay and when the time came for holding the primaries, last Saturday, they were so indignant at the arbitrary action of the Hastings county chairman that they refused to attend any election held by Boggs, for whom they had the utmost contempt, and also the county chairman for his summary course.

That is the reason they refused to have anything to do with the republican primaries or any representation in the county convention. Old party workers, especially prominent members of the G. A. R., were the ones who felt aggrieved and would not permit this indignity or suffer the humiliation attempted by the Hastings heeled in Bellefonte.

That is why Milesburg was not represented in the convention on Tuesday. If any misstatements have been made in this explanation the Gazette can easily correct them.

A Large Picnic.

The picnic held by the Odd Fellows at Hecla Park, on Saturday July 20th, was the largest and best in the Park this season. The estimated number during the day and evening was about four thousand people from Centre, Clearfield and Clinton counties. The lecture delivered by Grand Chaplain John A. Bright, of Topeka Kansas, was appreciated by the vast multitude. The subject was "Why I belong to it and Why don't you?" was delivered in excellent style and convinced all who heard it that Odd-fellowship was and is founded on Scripture as was shown by the passages read during the lecture.

Rev. Bright is a fluent speaker and does everything in the right way and at the right time. His many friends were glad to see him once again, and to get a hearty shake of his right hand in friendship, in love and in truth. We are sorry to say he is suffering from a painful abscess under his arm which inconveniences him greatly. But with all that he can give you a hearty welcome.

Nittany Valley Lodge No. 1054 extends thanks to the public and persons giving donations to help the good cause along. The Military band and orchestra played for the occasion. The picnic was a success socially and financially, everybody seemed to be pleased.

Festival.

A festival will be held at the Buffalo Run Presbyterian church, near Hunter's Park, on Saturday August 3rd, afternoon and evening. All the delicacies of the season will be served. Everybody is invited.

—Clearance Sale,
One Price—Cash.

MONTGOMERY & CO.

AL. DALE, Esq., was one of the happiest men in town. While he never expected to be elected, he found much amusement in stiring up the monkeys.

Notwithstanding

the enormous advance in price of hides and the consequent rise in prices of leather and shoes, we are selling all our goods at old prices.

We anticipated the advance last Spring and placed our orders in the nick of time—our storeroom and basement are filled with footwear, worth easily 20 per cent. more to-day than what we paid for it two months ago.

They Go

at the old price, while they last, which in most of cases is less than we can now buy them for.

Mingle's Store.