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HARMONIOUS CONVENTION

Held by the Democracy on Last
Saturday.

ROBT. E. PATTISON ENDORSED

For the Presidency—Delegates Elected to the
State Convention—Stirring Addresses by
Col. Spangler and D. F. Fortney, Esq.—
Ringing Resolutions.

On Saturday the democratic county
convention of 1895, as per the call of
county chairman N. B. Spangler, was re-
convoked in the court house, at Bellefonte,
to elect delegates to the coming state
convention, at Allentown, on the 28th of
this month. As there was little at issue
there consequently was very little to at-
tract attention, but nevertheless there
was quite an unexpected turnout from
all sections of the county, that was sur-
prising indeed. It indicated that there
was an active spirit in the party ranks
this year. The meeting of the convention
also had the effect of gathering together
candidates for the various offices who
made good use of their time in looking
after their interests.

THE CONVENTION

Promptly at 11 a. m. chairman N. B.
Spangler called the convention to order
and secretary H. J. Jackson read the call.
In the absence of Ellis L. Orvis, Esq.,
the permanent chairman who presided
at the '95 convention, his substitute, H.
S. Taylor, Esq., was chosen to preside.
Upon mounting the rostrum he made a few
stirring remarks that aroused applause.
He made an eloquent and forcible ad-
dress and predicted an old-time majority
in Centre county, for the party this com-
ing year.

Messrs. M. I. Gardner, of Bellefonte,
and I. J. Dreese, of Lemont, were ap-
pointed secretaries and Wm. Cronister,
Port Matilda, roll-clerk, who then read
the apportionment and delegates.

As there was no necessity for taking
any ballot in the convention, roll call
and credentials were dispensed with.

The business of the convention was
next taken up—election of delegates to
the coming state convention. Mr. Horace
B. Herring, of Gregg twp., made a
motion that the following named gen-
tlemen be selected:

J. H. Eskridge, Philipsburg; Balse-
Weber, Howard; W. B. Mingle, Centre
Hall; G. W. Jackson, Bellefonte; W. H.
Denlinger, Philipsburg. They were un-
animously chosen and every body was
satisfied.

This placated the contention among
some of our Philipsburg people;
while the other members are democrats
of the county who will ably represent the
interests of the party in the state conven-
tion.

ENTHUSIASTIC ADDRESS.

Loud calls from the delegates brought
Col. J. L. Spangler to the front and he
made a stirring address, with his old-time
vigor, that brought out rounds of ap-
plause. His reference to the name of
Robert E. Pattison, for governor, was
the signal for an outburst of sentiment.
D. F. Fortney, Esq., another demo-
cratic war horse, could not escape and
was called up. He assured the democ-
racy that notwithstanding sentiment, the
present administration was alright and
especially upon the tariff, the monetary
question, in its foreign relations and
other departments, and that future gen-
erations would concede it to be the most
notable epoch of modern times. His re-
marks were brief and to the point.

Next in order was the report of the
committee on resolutions, which was read
by Wm. C. Heinle, Esq.:

The Democracy of Centre County in
convention assembled resolves:

1. That we endorse the wise and patri-
otic administration of Grover Cleveland.
We commend his efforts to sustain in
the honor and credit of the nation in his
purpose to maintain the gold standard as
the only safe basis upon which the finan-
cial policy of this government can rest so
as to maintain our high standing among
the nations of the earth, restore perma-
nent confidence to the business of the
country, and prosperity and happiness
to the people. We rejoice in his broad
and heroic enunciation of the Monroe
doctrine and his determination to teach
monarchical governments of the earth
that as a people, we cannot and will not
tolerate the extensions of their institu-
tions, or the acquisition by them of any
additional territory on this continent.
We commend his administration in en-
forcing a strong foreign policy and at
the same time preserving the peaceful
relations that have so long existed be-
tween our government and every other
government in the world.

2. That believing in the availability
and pre-eminence of fitness, mindful of
the great victories the democracy of Penn-
sylvania has won under his leadership,
proud of the executive ability manifest-
ed while chief magistrate of this great
commonwealth, having faith in his hon-
esty, integrity, and courage as a man,
pure in private life, clean in his public
career, knowing that his views on the
financial and tariff questions are sound
and in accord with those of the present

democratic administration, always with
the people as against rings, monopolies
and irresponsible bosses, believing that
his nomination would secure for the
Democratic party the electoral vote of
Pennsylvania, we declare the Honorable
Robt. E. Pattison as our choice for Presi-
dent of the United States, and instruct
the delegates this day elected to the
state convention to do whatever they can
to secure for him the support of the Pen-
sylvania delegation at the coming Demo-
cratic National Convention. W. C.
Heinle, H. A. Moore, R. D. Foreman,
W. H. Alexander, committee.

A. S. Garman, of Bellefonte, was un-
animously endorsed as delegate to the
National Convention from this district.
No further business before the body, it
adjourned with ringing cheers.

This was a remarkable convention be-
cause there was not the slightest contest
for anything and everybody was satisfied.
The attendance was much larger than
expected.

Candidates were everywhere. There
is a fine lot in the field and there should
be no difficulty in making a good selec-
tion.

QUAY WANTS IT.

Senator Quay wants to be chairman of
the Republican State Committee and
there is no doubt of his re-election at the
convention, in session, now at Harris-
burg.

ARNOLD will likely be the republican
nominee for congress. He has been en-
dorsed in Elk, Clarion and Clearfield.
That is the majority of the district.

WRIGHT RE-ELECTED.

On Thursday the State Democratic
Committee met at Harrisburg, and re-
elected Robt. E. Wright, of Allentown,
Pa., as chairman. He re-appointed
Matt Savage, of Clearfield, as secretary.

A Desperate Lad.

On Saturday night a dispute occurred
between Harry Sanders, a young col-
ored man and Morris Rine. Sanders went
home and got a gun and came back with
the intention of shooting his man. He
pointed the weapon at Rine, but it was
turned aside and they clinched. In the
scuffle the gun was discharged near
Rine's face. The gun was taken from
Sanders and he disappeared.

Since then nothing has been done to
punish the colored man. Such conduct
deserves attention. Leniency only encour-
ages others to similar deeds.

From Supreme Court.

On Wednesday a dispatch was received
from Ira C. Mitchell, Esq., who is attend-
ing Supreme court in Philadelphia. In it
he states that the famous Howard Des-
ciple church appeal was heard. The de-
cree of Associates Faulkner and Riley
has been sustained and Judge Furst's de-
cree declared a nullity. This, as we
understand, means that the property in
dispute will be awarded to the Harvey
people and will likely conclude this con-
troversy.

At Another Job.

Mr. Wm. Barnes, for a number of
years a compositor in this office, has ac-
cepted a position with the Chicago Por-
trait Company. He leaves town the lat-
ter part of this week and his position
will keep him traveling from point to
point. He was a first class workman
and liked the business, but accepted this
position because it enabled him to travel
and there is a splendid opportunity
for advancement. May prosperity attend
him.

4th of July.

The Undine Fire Company, of this
place, is already making preparations for
its 4th of July picnic, to be held at
Hecla Park. The Undines had the larg-
est picnic held at the Park last year, and
they intend making this year's celebra-
tion still larger and better. The Park
has been much improved, and will be
more attractive this season than ever.

Gone to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Van Pelt, of Centre
Hall, left last Thursday for Ithaca, N. Y.
They will make that city their home for
the next five years at least. Their son,
Harvey, is taking a course at Cornell
and they desire to be near him. Mr.
Van Pelt is the patentee of the famous
Centre Hall cornplanter, and is a skill-
ful machinist and mechanic.

Died in the Penitentiary.

August 30th, 1894. Andrew Weaver, of
Penn township, this county, was sen-
tenced to two years in the western pen-
itentiary for larceny. Tuesday the man
died in that institution and his remains
were brought to his home for burial.

AMONG the announcements this week
appears the name of Col. J. L. Spangler,
for congress. We believe he is the only
candidate in Centre county who will
aspire for the nomination in this district.
Should he be nominated there would be
no doubt of his election. As a represen-
tative in congress, he would be of some
benefit to the people in this section.

ACCIDENTALLY WOUNDED

A Rifle Ball Glances and Strikes
a Man.

HENRY McMULLEN'S ESCAPE.

The Ball Strikes Him in the Forehead—A
Very Close Call—The wound Painful but
Not Serious.

While out shooting wild ducks Monday
morning Harry Hassinger, a 19-year-old
boy, accidentally shot Henry McMullen
in the right temple. McMullen now lies in
a precarious condition at his home near
McCoy's works, this side of Milesburg.

Hassinger was on the side of the creek
along the pike leading to Milesburg and
was shooting across the creek towards
the wire mill. Henry McMullen was
digging some post holes preparatory to
making a fence around his home, which
stands a short distance up on the hill
about midway between the chain works
and the wire mill. He heard Hassinger
shooting across the creek from him but
paid little attention to him. Another
man was standing alongside of him
and he hearing a bullet crash up against
the fence concluded to get behind the
house. Hardly had he done so when he
heard another shot fired and looking
around he saw McMullen throw his right
hand to his forehead and stagger to one
side in a dazed way. The blood was
flowing from the wound in a regular
stream, and realizing the danger he led
McMullen into the house as quickly as
possible. A physician was summoned
and was soon on the ground. An exami-
nation was made and it was found that
the bullet—a .32 calibre—had entered his
forehead in the right temple, directly
opposite the right eye, and had flattened
up against the skull and was imbedded
about an inch and a half in the side of
his head. It was probed for and extracted
without much difficulty. McMullen is
resting as well as could be expected un-
der the circumstances. McMullen is a
man about 56 years of age and has a
family. The shooting took place about
9.20 a. m., and the wound was the result
of a glance shot, as the bullet struck the
mud and then glanced up and accident-
ally struck McMullen on the head.

Found Trouble.

On Friday a young man from State
College, came to town for a time. He
had it according to his notion. About 11
o'clock that night he was picked up,
lying along Water street near the laundry,
by Policeman Montgomery. It appears
that the lad got too much benzine on
and became quarrelsome. He tried to pick
a fight up town, but was not successful.
He went down to the Bush House and
there struck a young man, without pro-
vocation. A fight followed in which
the student got used up and sustained a
severe gash on his forehead from striking
the stone curb. He then wandered out
Water street and, either delirious from
the injury to his head or from the quan-
tity of fire water, he dropped over and
remained there until found. The young
man had a severe gash across the fore-
head from which he bled profusely. He
was out hunting trouble and found it.

Will Encamp at Lewistown.

Lewistown has been practically decid-
ed upon as the place for holding the di-
visional encampment this year. The fact
has not been officially announced, but
it is known that on Tuesday Governor Has-
tings, Adjutant General Stewart, Major
General Snowden, Brigadiers Gobin and
Wiley, together with Quartermaster Gen-
eral Ribble visited Lewistown and practically
settled that the division should go into en-
campment there on July 18 to 25.

Body Found.

The body of John Moore, who disap-
peared from his home in Williamsport
on February 18, was found Thursday
morning in the river at Montgomery.
The body was floating on the surface of
the water and was badly decomposed.
Moore was 53 years old and his wife
alone survives him. He was a Knight
Templar and served his country during
the civil war. He was a member of the
M. E. church.

Council Meeting.

At council meeting on Monday night
no important business came up. Com-
plaints about side walks and crossings
were heard. A water pipe is being laid
along East Logan street. The street
committee is having the main streets
cleaned up. Fountain was repaired.
H. B. Pontius was appointed water
assessor. A number of bills were also
approved.

—Ball and bat given away with every
boy's \$3 suit at Faibles.

AT THE NORMAL.

About three weeks ago Mr. Wm. Cor-
man, the young man who received the
CENTRE DEMOCRAT'S scholarship prize
in the Lock Haven State Normal, left
for that place. We had expected to hear
from him before this time.

On Tuesday the editor received a per-
sonal letter from the young man and
among other things he has the following
to say of the school and surroundings:

CENTRAL STATE NORMAL SCHOOL,
Lock Haven, April 20, 1896.
MR. CHAS. R. KURTZ, Dear Sir: Ac-
cording to promise I will give you a brief
account of my trip to school, and how I
like the Normal and its situation.

I started for the Normal on the first
Monday of this term. At nearly every
station along the road, between Belle-
fonte and Lock Haven, there were new
and old students got on the train. The
old students were busy trying to get the
new ones to become members of one of
the literary societies. When we arrived
at the Lock Haven station we were greet-
ed by the school in a body. My first
knowledge of them being at the station,
was when I heard them give the Normal
yell. We were then conveyed to the
school, which is situated in the western
part of the city, along the west branch of
the Susquehanna river.

I am well pleased with the school and
its surroundings. The building is of
brick, with brown stone trimming and a
slate roof; it is three stories high, and
divided into 160 dormitories, 10 recita-
tion rooms, two society halls, a large
chapel and dining room. There are two
literary societies, the "Price" and the
"Shakespeare." Each society holds a
meeting every Friday evening, and is
well attended by members of the school.
Connected with the society halls are two
large reading rooms, each containing a
large library of the best books written by
the most famous authors, and having on
file many of the newspapers printed in
Pennsylvania.

In the future the students of the Cen-
tral State Normal will enjoy one of the
best equipped gymnasiums in the state.
The gymnasium, like the main building,
will be of brick, with brown stone trim-
mings. It will contain all the modern
architectural advantages and all the ap-
pliances that physical culture can de-
mand.

To all who have in any way aided me
in securing this scholarship, I wish to re-
turn my most sincere thanks.

Yours truly,
W. W. CORMAN.

An Unwilling Bride.

It is not often that a groom meets a
weeping bride when he goes to her home
to have the nuptial knot tied, but that is
the experience that W. L. Shannon, of
Butler, met with when he went to Oriole,
Lycoming county, recently to marry
Sarah Voneda, a pretty daughter of a
prosperous Ninnesee valley farmer.
Shannon and his sweetheart had never
seen each other, their courtship and pro-
posal for marriage having been conduct-
ed by means of correspondence. When
Shannon reached the girl's home she
broke down, began crying and pleaded
that she did not want to marry. She
finally consented to have the ceremony
performed, but, with the understanding
that she would be allowed to remain at
home for at least three months.

Civil Service Examination.

The United States Civil Service Com-
mission has ordered that an examination
be held by its local board in Bellefonte,
on Saturday, June 6th, 1896, commencing
at 9 o'clock a. m., for the grade of clerks
and carriers in the postal service. The
age limitations are as follows: clerks, 18
years or over; carriers, over 21 years and
under 40. Applications should be made
before May 18th. The examinations are
open to all reputable citizens, without re-
gard to race or to their political or reli-
gious affiliations. For application blanks,
full instructions, and information rela-
tive to the duties and salaries of the di-
fferent positions, apply to Thomas How-
ley, secretary board of examiners, Belle-
fonte, Pa.

Coming Home.

Mrs. Hastings, wife of the Governor,
has been spending a few days among
relatives and friends in Bellefonte. We
understand that they expect to return to
Bellefonte and occupy their residence
on Allegheny street, during the coming
summer months.

The Governor's mansion in Harrisburg,
although a gorgeous affair, does not have
the same home-like attractions. And
after all we believe they prefer to reside
among friends in Bellefonte.

Band Festival.

The members of the Snow Shoe band
will hold a festival on Friday and Satur-
day evenings, April 24 and 25, at the
Snow Shoe school house. Ice cream,
cake and all the delicacies of the season
will be served in good style by the ladies.
There will be plenty of music and other
amusements to insure all a good time.
You should come and help a worthy
cause along, and enjoy the good time that
is in store for all who attend.

Dry Weather.

A good rain would be greatly appre-
ciated as the roads are very dusty and
the grain fields need freshening in order
to amount to anything.

A VERY SAD SPECTACLE

Death of Joseph Parsons, at Lock
Haven.

HOW HE PASSED AWAY.

The Revolting Incidents of his Horrible death
—He tried to Reform and then took to
Drink—A Former Resident of our town.

The Lock Haven Democrat of last Fri-
day contains the announcement of the
sudden death of Mr. Joseph Parsons, a
former resident of Bellefonte. It says:

"Several months ago a club-foot-
ed shoemaker, known as 'Joe' Par-
sons came to this city, and secured em-
ployment at his trade with Peter Jobson.
It soon became known that he had been
a hard drinker and on his acknowledging
that he desired to reform, certain philan-
thropic church people took him under
their protecting care and by encouraging
solicitude and financial assistance he was
induced to refrain from drinking and
was soon making a livelihood for himself
and family, while his wife and son were
furnished with employment. The family
was doing nicely and Parson's conduct
was such that the hope became strong in
the minds of his charitable benefactors
that their efforts to reclaim the man had
not been in vain. But this hope was sadly
dispelled a few weeks ago, when Parson's
was noticed to be under the influence of
liquor. Having once had a taste of the
fiery stuff his once overpowering appetite
overcame his weakened will power and
he once more became a slave to intoxi-
cants. He drank harder and harder each
day until it was noticed several days ago
that there was danger of the man becom-
ing a victim of delirium tremens. His
neighbors stopped the liquor on him at
several places. He spent what money
he had saved, and then sold his stock in
the shop and also parted with newly
made boots at a sacrifice. In this way
he succeeded in getting sufficient money to
continue the spree.

Thursday morning it was noticed by
his neighbors that Parson's was fast suc-
cumbing to the body destroying effects
of the liquor. About two o'clock in the
afternoon a few men entered the shop
where he was lying, and saw him in the
act of taking a glass of whiskey. Later
he was seen to fall or tumble out of bed
on the floor. He alighted on his shoul-
der, which was so badly injured that he
could not use the arm. He attempted to
crawl on his hands and knees over the
floor to the door, but with every move-
ment he made his head would drop to
the floor, and his face would be shoved
along over the boards until it was badly
bruised and scratched. He finally suc-
ceeded in reaching the door, but not be-
ing able to turn the knob, he sank to the
floor and lay there until a few men en-
tered the room, picked him up and pat
him back to bed again. Shortly after he
rolled on the bed over to the wall. He
was very quiet and when some one look-
ed at him afterwards he was thought to
be dying, the only movement on the body
perceptible being the quivering of the
neck. A little later a man named Hoover
went to the bed and pulling the man
away from the wall found that he was
dead.

When the report was given out that
the man was dead a large crowd assem-
bled at the shoe shop and considerable
excitement prevailed in the neighbor-
hood. Parson's was about 41 years old.
His wife and several children survive
the man. One of the sons resided with
the parents, while the others are scatter-
ed at different places."

The above is the entire account of the
sad ending of Joe Parsons' career. We
print this story in the hope that it may
be a timely warning to others who are
in the habit of indulging in like affairs.

Another Robbery.

On Thursday of last week, a desperate
attempt was made to rob the residence
of Conductor John Hall, on South Thom-
as street. Mrs. Friedel, of Williams-
port, a visitor, was awakened about two
o'clock in the night by a noise. She saw
a man at the bureau, in search of valu-
ables. After a moment's deliberation
she gave a scream, that alarmed the other
inmates of the house and the burglar
made a hasty exit through the window,
by which he gained an entrance. No
valuables were missing. A gold watch
on the bureau was not disturbed. This
is the third time this house has been en-
tered during the past year.

Death at Nittany.

Mrs. Jacob Gobble, died at her home
in Snyderstown, Walker twp., Sunday
during the noon hour. She had been ill
but a few days with lagrippe. Her age
was 70 years. Her husband and the
following named children survive: Sam-
uel, Lock Haven; Mrs. Ada Keister, wife
of Rev. Mr. Keister, York, Ohio; Mrs.
Sadie F. Brubaker, of Corning, Cal.; and
George, of Snyderstown. The funeral
took place on Wednesday morning at 8-
30 o'clock. Interment in Cedar Hill
cemetery.

4th July Celebration.

Fourth of July celebrations beginning to
come to the front. The first on the string
is Lock Haven with an elaborate fire-
man's display. Blair county with her
semi-centennial celebration in June will
perhaps have as much on hand as she
desires in one year, and Huntingdon
likewise with her centennial celebration.

DEPEW HONORS CLEVELAND.

In an address Saturday at a birthday
dinner, tendered him by the Montauk
Club, of Brooklyn, Hon. Chauncey M.
Depew paid this tribute to the president
of the United States:

"While I differ widely from President
Cleveland on almost every part of his
public policy, it is due to him to say that
the rout of the free-coinage-of-silver pol-
icy and the energizing of sound money
are more largely due to his throwing up-
on that side with magnificent courage
and ability, the whole strength and pow-
er of his great office and of his adminis-
tration than to anything else."

IN MEMORIAM.

Resolutions of respect by Victor Grange
No. 159, P. of H., in memory of Henry
Dale, who was a charter member:

WHEREAS, The Great and Supreme
ruler of the universe has in His infinite
wisdom removed from us one of our
worthy and esteemed patrons, Brother
Henry Dale, and,

WHEREAS, The long and intimate re-
lations held with him in the faithful dis-
charge of his duties in this grange, makes
it eminently befitting that we record our
appreciation of him. Therefore,

Resolved, that that wisdom and ability
which he has exercised in the aid of our
grange by service and counsel, will be
held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved, That the sudden removal
from our midst leaves a vacancy and a
shadow that will be deeply realized by
all the members and friends of this
grange, and will prove a serious loss to
the community.

Resolved, That with deep sympathy
with the bereaved widow and relatives of
the deceased, we express our hope that
even so great a loss to us all may be
overruled for good to Him who doeth all
things well.

Resolved, That the charter of Victor
Grange be dropped for sixty days, and
that a copy of these resolutions be spread
upon the records of this, Victor Grange,
and a copy be forwarded to the bereaved
family.

D. W. MEYERS,
LAURA B. LITTLE,
J. B. MAYES, Com.

How to take Toll.

Judge White, in his list of opinions
handed down in common pleas No. 2,
Pittsburg, informed turnpike companies
that they must collect toll on the spot,
and that if they once allow a man to pass
through or pass a toll gate without pay-
ing that toll is lost. There were two
cases before the court on appeal from the
decision of a justice of the peace. The
Sharpsburg and Kittanning turnpike com-
pany brought suits against Robert Kerr
and M. E. Kerr for six cents each. They
had been allowed to pass a toll gate with-
out paying, but they were known to be
good for the money. The justice ren-
dered judgment for six cents and the costs
and the defendants appealed. Judge
White reversed the justice's decisions.
The judge said that if a toll collector al-
lowed a person to pass through a gate
without paying, he could not afterward
be sued for the toll.

New Delaware River Bridge.

The new Delaware River Bridge of the
Pennsylvania Railroad Company will be
open to travel by the inauguration of
through passenger train service from
Broad Street Station to Atlantic City,
commencing Sunday, April 19, 1896.

The extra fare of 25 cents will be
charged in each direction on trains via
the Delaware River Bridge, in connec-
tion with tickets good via Market Street
Ferry, Philadelphia.

By the opening of this new all-rail
route to the seashore the transfer of
passengers and baggage through Phila-
delphia will be avoided, and as will be
seen by the connections given above, the
territory from which passengers can
reach Atlantic City in a daylight journey
has been extended in every direction—to
Pittsburg, Buffalo, Danville and Norfolk,
Va.

Singular, if True.

An exchange says: On the summit of
a hill in central Potter county, Pa., are
four springs, so near together that a per-
son may carry water in the hollow of his
hand from any one of them and drop
some of it in the other three. In one of
these springs the Allegheny river has its
source. Another is the fountain head of
the Genesee river. In the third the Sin-
ning creek rises, and the fourth
sends forth Pine creek. The waters thus
started from one spring have their outlet
in the Gulf of Mexico, those of another
in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and those of
the other two in the Chesapeake Bay.

Clearfield Sports.

The lovely mining town of Clearfield,
Pa., will be strictly in it this year. They
will have an unusually large number of
gatherings that will attract large crowds
from all directions. The programme is
as follows:

April 25—I. O. of O. F. convention.
June 11—K. of P. convention.
June 24-25—Band Tournament of the
Northwestern Association.
July 4—Celebration.
August 18-20—Firemen's convention.
September 22-24—Bicycle and Horse
Races.