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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Latest News From the Chicago Gathering.

FREE SILVER IN THE LEAD

Proceedings of the Dem. Convention Briefly Told from Wednesday Morning—The Silver Men in Control—Unseated Gold Delegates.

The proceedings of the Democratic National convention, in session at Chicago this week, attract the attention of the entire public. It is a battle royal between the Silver enthusiasts and the Gold standard men, in which silver has won thus far a decided victory. Free silver seems to have invaded the democratic ranks and captured the party organization and will without a doubt adopt a Free Silver Platform and nominate Richard P. Bland, of Missouri, for President. For Vice-President there are many favorites in the field. That is the substance of the situation, as we go to press Thursday morning.

The proceedings of the convention are given in detail, from the beginning, up to Wednesday morning, on page 2 of this issue, in which will also be found portraits of some of the prominent men in the convention.

WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The morning session devoted to speeches and unseating gold delegates. 10.51 a. m.—Convention was called to order.

11.06—The committee on credentials called on to meet in the committee room immediately. The Bland marching club has just entered. Crowd cheering.

11.16—Governor Hogg, of Texas takes the platform. Hogg advocates friendliness of spirit among the delegates. He denounced the Republican platform a mass of glittering generalities to deceive the people. He denounced protection as only in the interest of the wealthy and against the farmer and workingman. Governor Hogg urged that all sorbs be healed after the convention and the party should then march on to victory. Cries for Hill, Altgeld and Blackburn amid confusion.

BLACKBURN TALKS.
Blackburn, of Kentucky, takes the platform and begins his address. He says that the majority of American people are suffering and look to this convention to right their wrongs. He says that Christ drove from the temple a better set of men than those in money power for many years.

Overmeyer, of Kansas, takes the platform to say that the seat of the empire was yesterday transferred from the Atlantic states to the Mississippi valley.

ALTGELD ON THE PLATFORM.
Loud calls for Altgeld. He says he did not come to make speeches, but to help formulate a policy for the benefit of Americans. Altgeld advocates bimetallism and points out that a gold standard has lowered prices of farm production while farmers have had to buy. (Loudly applauded.)

NOT A SECTIONAL CONVENTION

12.35—When Altgeld finished, cries for Tillman were uttered, but he did not respond. Williams, of Massachusetts, addresses the convention. He says that this convention is in no wise sectional. New England is represented and has as much at stake as the west and south. He speaks for the 5,000,000 spindles now silent. Williams pleads for harmony and doing away with sectionalism.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committees on credentials reported against admitting gold delegates from Michigan and Nebraska.

Bryans' delegates were declared seated. The committee retires to consider the Michigan case.

1.38 p. m.—After calls for Tillman, the convention adjourned until 5 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 5.15 Wednesday evening, and remained in session until 9.38 p. m. The session adjourned to meet at 9.30 Thursday morning.

The principal event of the session was the battle over the report of the committee on credentials. Four contested seats were in dispute from the 4th and 6th congressional districts of Michigan. At 5.50 the committee presented the majority report admitting the four silver delegates. A minority report was presented opposing the unseating of the four gold delegates. A debate of several hours length followed on this point which at times became heated and personal, and the "lie" was passed. The majority report to unseat the gold delegates was sustained by a vote of the convention of 358 to 558 Pennsylvania and New York

voted for the gold delegates.
PERMANENT CHAIRMAN.

The report of the committee on permanent organization was then presented by Mr. Finley, of Ohio, naming Senator White, of California, as permanent chairman of the convention, and Thomas J. Cogan, of Ohio, as permanent secretary. Senator White delivered an able address at its conclusion: Mr. Clark, of Montana, rising in the body of the hall, produced a silver gavel from the mines of Montana, which he tendered to the presiding officer in the name of the delegation from the state.

After that motion to adjourn to 9.30 Thursday.

A dispatch says: The New York delegation held a conference and agree on a plan of action. The decision reached was to remain in the convention for the present and abide by the will of the majority so far as to-day's proceedings were concerned at least. Tammany will also support the nominee. There was almost a full attendance. It is said to be the sense of those present, however, that New York should leave the hall and take no further part in the convention after the free silver platform is adopted.

Thursday's proceedings will likely be consumed in the discussion of the platform. There will be extended debates over some of the objectionable planks. The vote for Presidential candidate will not likely take place until Friday. The present indications are that it will be Bland, and on a free silver platform 16 to 1. All of which we are sorry to predict.

A RARE TREAT.

Saturday evening the automatic exhibition opened at No 19 South Allegheny street, Bellefonte, in M'Kee's old room, to a crowded house, and will stay for a few days only. It is beyond the capabilities of pen or tongue to give an adequate description of the entertainment. To truly appreciate the unquestioned merits of these ingenious automatic works, it is absolutely necessary to visit them, and one brief visit will only whet your appetite for a second and a longer stay.

Bergmann's "Marvelous Swiss Village," a conceded perfection of automatic science, is the leading attraction. It costs the inventor a life of labor, brain work incomparable and a fund of patience rarely inherited by mortal man. The operation of machinery, the movement of workmen and with the perfect harmony in all its complicated actions is indeed a marvel of mechanism unparalleled, the grandest perfection of artistic science. In addition the visitors can feast their eyes upon beautiful and artistic work of Professor Berg's natural scenery, where ancient, modern and domestic life in their various periods and diversified phases is artistically shown.

Nobody can afford to miss this grand entertainment. It is the first and only appearance in Bellefonte.

It is absolutely intellectual and instructive in every feature. The press, pulpit and people the world over have given it their universal endorsement. Ladies accompanied by children will find better accommodations in the daytime on account of the large crowd in the evening.

Free Display.

One of the interesting events in Bellefonte on the 4th, was an elaborate display of fireworks in front of Mr. Kurtz's book store, on Allegheny street. It was an entirely impromptu affair, and for that reason seemed to be appreciated by many.

Mr. Kurtz had a large stock of fireworks on sale in front of his place of business. It consisted of anything in the line that would hiss, bum or make a colored flare. During the morning there was considerable shooting going on. Some chap set off a "hisser" and the treacherous thing scampered along the pavement and landed right in among this stock of inflammable and explosive goods. It was but an instant until the fun began. Cannon crackers and dynamite crackers began to raise a merry revelry. Then the scene was intensified with the glare of various colored lights. The roar of the crackers increased like the thundering of heavy artillery. The scene next became ornamental: in the midst of this display Roman candles and sky rockets took part. They darted out in every direction, up and down the street, in the crowd and everywhere were fiery balls and trails of flashing fire. It was a beautiful sight and at the same time terrifying. In about five minutes the demonstration was over and several buckets of water subdued the fiery elements.

The result of the display was a loss of about \$30 worth of stock, the front of the store was singed and charred and the one large plate glass window was broken. Mr. Kurtz took the precaution to close the front doors and thus saved the interior from serious damage.

Died at Toledo Ohio.

Dr. R. D. Tipple, a former Bellefonte physician, died at Toledo, Ohio, on June 24th. He was an uncle of the late Dr. R. L. Dart. He was a resident of that city for the past twelve years and gave his attention to the treatment of cancer, and diseases of the eye and ear.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS.

How the National Holiday Was Observed.

HEAVY RAINS INTERFERED.

Large Gathering at Hecla Park—The Balloon Ascension and Fireworks Postponed—An Accident—The day at State College, Port Matilda and Other Points.

Another national holiday has passed by, having been duly observed by picnics, celebrations, bonfires, fireworks and considerable firewater. Our town was quiet. There was no formal demonstration of any kind, except the customary display of fireworks by individuals. The business houses were all closed in the afternoon and most of the population drifted away to the various points of interest. Some went to Hunter's Park and State College. The greater portion went down to Hecla Park to spend the day in the woods, and some went on to Lock Haven where quite a demonstration was in store.

The Undine Fire Company, of this place, held their second annual picnic at Hecla Park and drew an immense crowd. All trains on the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania were packed, and from all sections of the county people came in great numbers by private conveyances, so that the Park had, with one exception, the greatest day since its formation. The Undines had made ample preparation for the entertainment of the great crowd and all were provided with good meals and refreshments.

In the afternoon a heavy rain set in which lasted until evening, and prevented the address by Governor Hastings, a former president of the Undine company; the balloon ascension and parachute drop by Prof. Stevens, and in fact the greater portion of the programme, which would all have been carried out had the weather been favorable.

After the rain, while preparations were being made for the inflation of the balloon, an accident occurred. Two large poles were erected and between them a rope suspended to support the canvass while being inflated. The scene of operations was staked off to keep the crowd back. A guy rope that held one pole was fastened to a stake driven in the ground outside of the fence. Some one drove against the stake and it pulled out. This allowed the poles to lose their support and one of them in falling struck a young son of Mr. Thomas Dunkle, of near Hecla, who was sitting on the fence. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and many feared that he was killed. It caused a panic in the crowd. The boy was carried to a neighboring house and given attention. He revived in about an hour. His jaw bone was fractured and he received other injuries. He will recover, though his wounds are very painful. This same lad had several bones broken when the church building was blown down at Hecla a few years ago, and several weeks ago a horse fell on him.

After that another attempt was made for an ascension but rains interfered and many were disappointed, for which the weather was the sole cause. Hecla Park never was in as fine condition as at present. There are fine crushed stone walks throughout the grove, numerous buildings, seats, pavilions, swings, merry-go-round, two large lakes, fine boats, good railroad accommodations, ample shade and everything to make it a most desirable place for a day's outing.

The Bellefonte, Pleasant Gap, Milesburg and Undine bands were on hand and entertained the large crowd with fine music. The fire company cleared a nice sum and managed their picnic well, but the weather was against them.

4TH AT STATE COLLEGE.

The most important thing that has happened during the past week was the big 4th of July celebration, which enlivened this quiet town, brought hundreds of our neighbors from nearby towns, and in spite of the heavy showers which damped things at intervals all day, made July 4th 1896, a red letter day in the annals of the place. Almost every house in town was more or less decorated. The decorations of the business places and hotels being especially appropriate. The great arch at Grieb's corner, especially attracted much favorable comment, and it was much regretted that there was not time for the erection of one or two more.

Speaking of decorations, special mention should be made of the beautiful flag which Hon. Rob't. M. Foster had hung up in his store, on the evening of the 4th. It is the Honorable's gift to the Robert M. Foster Post G. A. R. It is a beauty and was much admired by all who saw it. The heavy showers at seven o'clock lasted only a few minutes after which it

cleared up and things began to be lively. The 7:30 train brought in many visitors, the Millheim band, and a hundred or so buggies, wagons etc., arrived about eight o'clock.

The Millheim band gave us a sample of their music in front of Grieb's hotel at 10:30 and then marched up to Beaver Field, on the campus. They were soon followed by the State College band and the police squad, the latter all in uniform—white helmets, red sashes and badges, marshalled by Johnnie Corrigan in full uniform and sword.

GAME OF BASE BALL.

BOALSBURG.	STATE COLLEGE
Smith.....p.....	Jackson.....
Rosterman.....c.....	N. Hartswick.....
Woods.....i.....	Miller.....
Thompson.....b.....	Stewart.....
Rumbarger.....3b.....	A. Hartswick.....
Stewart.....ss.....	Gilliland.....
Meyers.....lf.....	Johnstonbaugh.....
Ishler.....cf.....	Ruble.....
Hew.....r.....	Pearce.....
Senre.....	Boalsburg.....4
State College.....5	Umpires—Wolf—Harter.

The large crowd that sat about the grand stands, or promenaded about the walks, looked at the game and applauded the good hits of the players, and listened to the Millheim band who sat upon the grand stand and made the music of the morning, and gave them generous applauses.

The small boys, and some that were not so small, shot off fire crackers big and little and had a good time generally. On the return of the crowd from the sports the visiting band gave us some more music in front of Grieb's hotel and then we all went to dinner.

The crowd at the afternoon sports, the events of which are given below, was by far the largest and most enthusiastic that we have ever seen on Beaver Field, owing to heavy track the time made was slow, but considering the weather good.

BEAVER FIELD SPORTS.

100 yards dash—(1) A. Gill, (2) J. Gilliland.

120 yards hurdle—(1) J. Duff, (2) D. Johnsonbaugh.

1/2 mile run, for boy, 8-10 years—(1) Glenn, (2) P. Corrigan.

1/2 mile walk—(1) Pearce (2) Duff.

Putting shot—(1) Phil Foster, 29 ft, (2) Duff.

1/4 mile bicycle race—(1) Johnsonbaugh (2) Corrigan.

1/2 mile run—(1) Jas Duff, (2) Johnsonbaugh, (2) Gilliland.

1 mile bicycle race—(1) James Holmes, (4) Jno Johnsonbaugh.

240 yards dash—(1) A. Gill, (2) Corrigan.

Sack race—(1) Pearce, (2) Fat man's race—75 yards (1) Abe Markle, (2) Joe Markle.

Boy's bicycle race—Cash Snyder (2) 2 mile bicycle race—(1) James Holmes (2)

This ended the sports and the crowd went home to supper. Then filled up the streets again and watched the finest fantastic parade the town ever got up.

Particular mention should be made of the Darktown Fire Brigade, W. L. Foster's float of young ladies, and the many queer and curious get-up's of the fantastic. The last event was the display of fire works on Beaver Field, which, in spite of almost continuous rain were very fine indeed.

Special credit is due to the following citizens for their efforts to give us a big time:

President, J. L. Holmes, Treasurer, Dr. W. S. Harter; Secretary, Gray Fleming; Chairman committee on advertising, P. D. Foster; chairman com. on fireworks, Dr. Glenn; chairman com. on music, Geo. Jackson; chairman com. on parade, Dr. Christ; chairman com. on order, Jno. Corrigan; chairman com., on sports, Jno. A. Hunter. W. T. Harter, timekeeper; Jno. A. Hunter, starter.

Z. Y. X.

FOURTH AT PORT MATILDA.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Port Matilda, with the band of that place, the Odd Fellows and Sunday schools united and held a grand picnic in Beckwith's grove on the Fourth. The programme of the forenoon was carried through successfully, but the speaking booked for the afternoon was prevented by the heavy rains. The parade was very fine and the line looked well during the long march from town to the grove. The band held a festival in the evening which was well patronized. The fantastic or "gymnastic" parade as it was billed, was a very amusing feature of the afternoon. Late in the evening there were given a very fine display of fire-works near the Diamond. It was estimated that two thousand people were in town and would have been on the ground had not a portion of the crowd been deterred by the rain. X

Taken Charge in Philipsburg.

Rev. George S. Bright, well remembered by a number of our people, has taken charge as pastor of the Lutheran church, in Philipsburg.

DENTISTS ARE IN TOWN.

A Large Gathering to Attend the 28th Meeting.

PA. STATE DENTAL SOCIETY.

An Interesting Programme—A Large Exhibit of Dental Supplies—Address of Welcome Delivered by Gov. D. H. Hastings—Officers for the Ensuing Year.

The 28th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Dental Society has been in session in the Court House, at this place, during Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week. This is a chartered organization that embraces the foremost members of the profession.

The organization is for the purpose of furthering the interests of the profession. At these meetings an interesting programme is in store. Carefully prepared papers are read upon the topics that interest that line of work. In the line of dentistry there have been many rapid strides forward. New methods are adopted from year to year and these become the subject of discussion on such occasions. Matters that have the welfare of the profession at heart are always considered.

The first session was called to order on Tuesday at 11 a. m. by Pres. Dr. E. C. Kirk, of Philadelphia, in the chair. Rev. J. W. Rue, pastor of the Methodist church, then offered the opening prayer. The address of welcome, very appropriately, was delivered by Gov. D. H. Hastings. He extended them a most cordial welcome on behalf of the citizens of Bellefonte, and spoke in glowing terms of our beautiful town and the many points of interest for their entertainment. The address was received with hearty applause.

The President responded in brief and appropriate remarks, after which he followed with his annual address to the society. The various sessions on Wednesday and Thursday were according to the previously prepared programme. A number of very interesting clinics, by the use of new electrical appliances attracted more than usual attention.

There is a very large and fine display of goods, tools, machinery, etc. by the leading dental houses in the country. This is indeed worth seeing.

DENTISTS ENTERTAINED.

On Tuesday evening the society accepted an invitation to pay Gov. Hastings a visit at his home. They were royally entertained and there met many of our prominent business and professional men. Choice music and elegant refreshments made the occasion all the more enjoyable. This society numbers about two hundred members, and about one-half are present.

This Thursday morning the election of officers takes place, after which adjournment follows.

Many of the visitors have taken the opportunity to visit Penns Cave. State College and other points of interest.

SUDDEN DEATH.

On Thursday morning Chas. D. Hertz, of Tyrone, died suddenly at the Brockhoff House, in this place. He was attending the convention of the State Dental Society, having come here on Tuesday. For some years he was afflicted with a nervous ailment from which he died, it having affected his heart.

On Wednesday evening he retired in his customary health and displayed no symptoms of illness. His brother J. C. Hertz, dentist, of Easton, Pa., occupied the same room with him. At about 4 a. m. a heavy groan was heard and attracted his attention, but in a few minutes thereafter despite all that could be done, death came. He was a young man single, and about 28 years of age. At Tyrone he was an assistant of J. Lawrence Swartz, dentist, and was preparing himself for that profession.

His former home was at Milton, Pa., where the body will be taken this afternoon for interment.

Return Thanks.

The members of the Undine Fire Company hereby most heartily thank all who in any way contributed towards their picnic on July 4th, and especially the ladies who assisted on the ground during the day and evening. The citizens of Bellefonte were very liberal in their donations, for all of which the company is very thankful.

Company E Organized.

On Monday the new company of the Fifth regiment which will take the place of company I, recently disbanded, was organized at Clearfield by Colonel Theo. Burchfield. It consists of sixty men and three officers. The election resulted: Captain, John E. Harder; first lieutenant, William P. Kelly; second lieutenant, Americus H. McDowell.

BALLOON ASCENSION.

Owing to the bad weather at Hecla Park, on last Saturday, the balloon ascension was postponed and took place at Bellefonte, Wednesday evening from the diamond. Special excursions were given over the Buffalo Run and Central railroads. Over eight hundred came from Mill Hall and other points, in which Lock Haven was in the majority. State College and vicinity was also largely represented. At 5 p. m. several thousand people were gathered about the diamond. At about 5.40 the great airship was inflated and Leo Stevens, of worldwide fame as a daring aeronaut gave the signal for the attendants to let go. Up the inflated canvass shot with great rapidity. The great crowd gave a lusty cheer as "Prince Leo," sailed majestically towards the clouds. He was seated in the swing of his parachute, the top of which was attached to the bottom of the balloon. When at a height of about 1000 feet he let a small parachute, containing a dog, drop and it came sailing down as nice as you please. When near the ground, the pup began struggling in his harness and dropped some distance.

Next from the balloon came a shower of colored envelopes in which ten prizes had been placed. They fluttered and sailed with the wind. Colored circulars also added to the scene. Everybody made a rush to see what it was. They found in each envelope a special message from THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT, which furnishes the readers of this county with the "Most News for the Least Money." Five envelopes each contained orders for a years subscription for the finder, and five campaign subscriptions. Next week will give the names of the lucky persons.

The balloon sailed westward and when at a great altitude Leo cut loose. He seemed to drop like a dead shot, all held their breath in suspense, then the parachute opened up and the aeronaut came sailing down, over Halfmoon hill, where he safely landed.

The ascension was a success in every particular. Owing to the rain, at the time, it was a surprise that it was made at all. Mr. Stevens has been in this business for many years and is one of the best in his profession. His address is: Leo Stevens, 436 West 49th St., New York City.

The dog that came down in the parachute on Wednesday, will not go up in another balloon. The pup ended his career.

On Wednesday evening a message came from the clouds: "THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT" furnishes the Most News for the "Least Money." You can depend upon it, it is correct.

The Chicago convention will mark a new epoch in the history of the democratic party. What of the future, time alone will tell. It has withstood a century and may be good for another.

J. Montgomery Ward, the baseballist, visited friends at this place last week. He is not following that profession this season but has abandoned the diamond for the legal profession, for which he has been preparing for some time.

The Y. M. C. A. concert, given Friday evening 26th, was an unusually fine treat. Few people realize what amount of rare talent can be found in Bellefonte until they attend such an entertainment. The public would very liberally patronize another such an entertainment, because it would be appreciated.

Dr. James McEntire has a contrivance on exhibition said to be a genuine X-ray machine. You can see most anything through it, but not so sure about seeing through most any dark or opaque object. It is a clever invention and he should be able to see a fortune in it.

Missed the Paper.

During the past week there were many inquiries at this office by subscribers for their weekly paper. At the postoffice there were numerous inquires. This was appreciate because it shows that our patrons miss their paper when an issue is omitted and it also teaches them to appreciate their weekly visitor although at times our efforts may be feeble.

Line Extended.

Spring Mills and Millheim are now joined by wire. The new Millheim company recently extended its line and everything is now in first class working order. This connection should have been made long ago with that end of our county.

At Williamsport.

The evangelists are still at Williamsport and are attracting large audiences to their tabernacle. There has been a great religious awakening from their efforts. The tabernacle will in all probability be taken from Williamsport to Lock Haven, in the course of a few weeks.