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M'KINLEY CLUB ORGANIZED.

The Republican Rooters Were Hard at Work.

TRYING TO STEM THE TIDE.

Held a Meeting Last Friday Night—A Number of Old-time Republicans Sign the Roll—Trying to Keep up the McKinley Boom, Now on the Wane.

The republicans about Bellefonte are stirred up considerably, since the Chicago convention and are determined to do all that is possible to stem the tide to Bryan and free silver. The general outburst of enthusiasm and the growing sentiment among the farmers, mechanics and wage earners for silver is what they can't understand, and are anxious to check by an early movement.

For the previous week the announcement was extensively made that a McKinley club would be organized on last Friday evening at the office of E. R. Chambers, Esq. Early in the evening runners were sent out to bring in the party followers from all sections. At 7 p. m. the Bellefonte band came out and paraded through the main thoroughfares of the town, and finally halted in front of the headquarters where a crowd soon assembled.

No demonstration followed, except music by the band. On the inside a temporary organization was effected, with Clement Dale chairman, and C. E. Dorworth secretary. A committee of five to arrange for permanent headquarters and the organization of a McKinley club, were appointed. A club roll was opened and about one hundred signatures were obtained, by going through the crowd and urging members of the party to come in and attach their names to the roll. Chairman Gray was on hand with a pocketful of campaign buttons which were gratuitously distributed.

To the best of our inquiry, it was not learned that a single democrat, or an independent voter, had signed the roll. On the other hand we personally saw and conversed with numerous laboring men and farmers and several business men, formerly staunch republicans, who would not join them. They believed that free silver was the money for the masses and would vote that way this year. This is a fact that stares them in the face, and is what has aroused them to action.

The result of the meeting shows that the republicans are alarmed, also that they will be an active factor in local politics this year. They will be in evidence during the campaign, and will make a determined effort to carry Centre county from her democratic moorings.

Let the democracy take timely warning. The campaign opens under flattering promises, but to achieve the result our forces must be on their watch-towers. Our forces must be united and aggressive, or the enemy will gain the advantage over us. We want an enthusiastic, united party. Little differences and individual preferences must be laid aside. The will of the majority must prevail as to party doctrine and nominees on our county, state and national tickets. An old-time, united democracy is what is wanted and victory will surely attend us in November.

Good One.

John Garman, of Cole's Summit, Huntingdon county, had a contest with a nest of eight unusually large black-snakes recently. He was out berrying and, stepping on one, the other seven showed fight and he, being a pugnacious man, undertook to kill them, when they coiled themselves around his body and neck. The snakes would have succeeded in choking him to death if it had not been for his partner, Barney Long, who heard his cries for help and went to his assistance. Seeing his condition, he took his penknife and commenced to rescue him from his uncomfortable position, but he did not succeed until he was chased away several times by the reptiles. They finally got them killed, measuring the largest one, they found it to be eight feet and three inches and the smallest one five feet and nine inches.

How to Do It.

A lady asks whether etiquette requires one to knock at the door of an editor's sanctum before entering. We hasten to reply. If you are coming to pay your subscription or bring in a nice item of news, don't stop to knock, but just walk right in as if you owned the place. If, on the other hand, you are on a collecting tour, you should make the fact known through the window, and then knock at the door until the editor opens it. You may sink down from fatigue before he does so, but you will be adhering to the printing office etiquette that is bound to please the average editor.

MILE AND A HALF IN THE AIR.

Aeronaut Leo Stevens, whose reputation as a balloonist is known in all parts of the world, and who made the successful ascension at the diamond in Bellefonte on Wednesday, July 8, is a remarkable young man in many ways. The excursion trains brought thousands of people to the city to witness his daring exhibition and it was without a doubt one of the finest exhibitions of its kind ever witnessed in Centre county. There was a space sixty feet square roped off to keep the crowd back and avoid all accidents. Some time was taken to inflate the large silken structure and at the time set, 5.15 p. m., the balloon was filled to its utmost capacity and aeronaut Leo Stevens was ready for his dangerous trip to the clouds. The large balloon was swaying from side to side, as if anxious to leave and suddenly the black clouds came up and rain began to fall. Remarks were heard on all sides that he would not go up, but the aeronaut was determined not to disappoint the crowd and yelled to his assistants to let go, and in an instant he was rising above the housetops on his voyage to the regions above, climbing higher and higher until he looked like a mere speck. When at an altitude of fully 5000 feet he leaped with his parachute and in an instant it was opened and he sailed back to mother earth, performing all sorts of dangerous feats on his tiny trapeze, a mile in the air.

Leo Stevens was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 27th day of September, 1871. He stands 5 feet 5 1/2 inches and balances the scales at 143 pounds. He commenced this when but 11 years of age. His first ascension was made at Beverly's park, in his native city, in 1882.

He has had some very thrilling experiences during his life in aerial navigation. In 1889, while making an ascension at Midland, Michigan, he was banged against the steeple of the Episcopal church, corner Main and Market streets. When picked up he was told by the physicians of that city that he would not live, but he fooled them. In 1890 he contracted to give sixty-one ascensions at Ontario Beach for the New York Central Railroad Co. Everything went well until the closing day. When fully five miles out over Lake Ontario, a northerly wind blew up so strong that it ripped his parachute in five or six places. The life savers had been engaged daily to pick up the aeronaut, but this day the waves were rolling so high that they could make but little headway. After an hour's hard work the boat reached him, when he was picked up unconscious, more dead than alive, and only for his life preserver he would have found a watery grave. The following year, while making ascensions at Pleasant Beach, Syracuse, N. Y., Mr. Stevens' partner, Prof. Delve, was drowned in Lake Onondago, getting tangled in his parachute ropes when he struck the water. He would not put on his life preserver as instructed by Mr. Stevens.

Since 1891 Mr. Stevens has been very successful, not having any accident worth mentioning, although he has made over 1000 ascensions. The New York papers have time and again had long accounts of his voyages.

He is a very pleasing and interesting gentleman to meet. One of the things that make him so popular with his thousands of admirers is the fact that he does not allow the weather to interfere with his advertised ascensions.

A GRAND SIGHT.

One of the grandest sights of all Aeronaut Leo Stevens' exhibitions is the double parachute leap by Miss Nina Yale and himself. The balloon is one of the largest in existence, which is 97 feet high and 182 feet in circumference. It is fitted up with all the latest improvements and achievements for safety and beauty.

Miss Nina Yale is one of the cleverest lady balloonists in the country and for her age has given some wonderful exhibitions. She made her first ascension for Mr. Stevens at Eldorado on the Palisades, in 1893, and since that time has given ascensions at all the most famous resorts in the country. Miss Nina Yale was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., seventeen years ago. She stands 5 feet 1 inch, weighs 107 pounds. She is a very refined and good looking young lady. She is now giving ascensions daily in company with Mr. Stevens, at Bayonne, New Jersey.

The Logan Fire Co., of this place, has contracted with Mr. Stevens to make, in person, a balloon ascension including a parachute leap, at their picnic at Hecla Park on July 30th. They are trying to make arrangements, if possible, for the large balloon with a double parachute leap.

Mr. Leo Stevens, when on earth, is at 436 West 49th street, New York City.

—The town clock has been doing quite well of late, and Attwood is in a much better frame of mind.

STOLEN GOODS DISCOVERED.

Hidden Under the Foundation of a Barn

BY THE POSTOFFICE ROBBERS

Additional Evidence that the Right Parties Were Captured—They are Now in Erie, Pa. Jail Awaiting Trial—Conviction Certain.

On June the 7th, the post office, at Snow Shoe, was entered at night, the safe blown open and the contents stolen amounting in all to about \$200. Four men were arrested on suspicion of having committed the offence and are now awaiting trial.

Last Sunday while several small children were playing about a barn, on James Gates, dec'd, property one mile east of Snow Shoe, they made a discovery. The little ones had seen a toad jump in an opening of the foundation, and from mere childish curiosity took a stick and stirred in the hole to find it. They found a tin box inside, also about 200 envelopes, a miners pick and a punch. The tin box was the one that had been stolen from the postoffice safe, and the envelopes were part of the missing property.

Since then it has been learned that the four men, who were arrested were at this barn the evening previous to the robbery. The building is located on the route, between Snow Shoe and the Intersection, where they were arrested.

Officer A. Lucas, of Snow Shoe, has other evidence against the prisoners and thinks there will be no trouble in convicting them. It is not known when the trial will take place.

They are now lodged in jail at Erie, Pa., where they will be tried before the U. S. District court.

Made Quite a Haul.

Rev. Father McCarty, of the church of Immaculate Conception, Lock Haven, arrived home Friday, and after making an examination of the parochial residence, it transpires that the burglar or burglars who affected an entrance into that dwelling, made more of a haul than was at first anticipated. From the safe was taken thirty-five dollars in silver; a check endorsed by Rev. Father McCarty, for five dollars, and two cigar boxes in which there was small change. The thieves also took the keys that were hanging on the wall and entered the sacristy in the church. They did not take a gold chalice that was in the sacristy, but proceeded to the main audience room where they emptied the collection boxes of money of an unknown amount. The sacrilegious intruders then tampered with the baptismal font and also attempted to pry open the door of the tabernacle, but did not succeed.

A Delightful Picnic.

Messrs. Gottlieb Haag, ex-landlord of the Haag Hotel, D. C. Keller, present landlord of the Haag House, Louis Doll, proprietor of the Haas brewery, J. H. Sand, Peter Jacobs, brewer at the brewery, Nicholas Bauer merchant, John Newbauer, Brokerhoffhouse, Abe Baum, all of Bellefonte, and their friends, picniced on top of the Nittany mountain, this side of Centre Hall, last Wednesday. For refreshments the party took with them six cases of Birch beer and several boxes of Limberger sponge cake and some choice cigars as well as some roasted ox-tail for Baum. It was a strictly temperate social affair and the parties present report an old fashioned enjoyable time.—Hornet.

Those refreshments must have been exceedingly delightful.

Says it is Silver.

Mr. James Harris and wife returned last week from an extended tour to California and many points of interest in the West. He says out there sentiment is solid for free silver, everybody advocates that doctrine.

On his way home they spent some time in Chicago and were there during the convention. He informed the writer that the citizens of Chicago and Illinois, as far as he observed, held Gov. Altgeld in high esteem, and that he is not considered an Anarchist as the eastern papers depict him.

This confirms Col. Spangler's statement.

Centre County Relatives.

Mrs. Mary Baird Bryan, wife of the democratic nominee for president, belongs to a well known Centre county family who moved to Illinois many years ago, and her name Mary was given her in honor of her relative, Mrs. Mary Holt once a well known and highly esteemed lady, of Snow Shoe township.

There are a number of Baird's in this county who may be distantly related to this distinguished lady.

RIDPATH'S PLAIN TALK.

Indiana's Historian Roundly Denounces the Greatest Falsehood of the Age.

The following was written by the eminent historian John Clark Ridpath in response to an inquiry by Frank Horan, chairman of the Democratic central committee of the Fifth Indiana district, as to whether Mr. Ridpath would run for congress on a Democratic ticket. He has always been a republican:

"There is just one great question before the American people, and that is whether they will be compelled by the international gold conspiracy, having its bifurcations in London and New York, to transact their business and in particular to pay their debts with a cornered dollar worth two for one, fraudulently substituted for the dollar of the law and the contract, or whether they (the people) will reclaim their right to transact their business and pay their debts according to the terms of the contract and according to justice.

"It is said by the emissaries of the gold propaganda that they who advocate the restoration of our coinage and money to the exact condition which it held prior to the act of 1873 are dishonest; that they wish to coin 50 cents' worth of silver into a dollar and compel creditors to accept that in lieu of an honest dollar. Than this there never was a greater sophism and falsehood. What the people desire and what they intend to do is to coin 100 cents' worth of silver—that is, a dollar's worth, or 37 1/4 grains, of silver—into a dollar, and by that act to break the corner on gold and reduce the exaggerated purchasing power of that metal to its normal standard.

"If any man dare say that 37 1/4 grains of pure silver are not a dollar's worth, let him be challenged with the question whether that amount of uncoined silver will not purchase as much of the average of 25 of the great staples of the American market, including real estate and labor, as the same silver would purchase 25 years ago. Let him answer that truly or forever afterwards hold his peace. As a matter of fact the uncoined silver in the American dollar will buy more of the average of our great staples than the same would buy in 1873.

"When then? The limited supply of gold in the world has been cornered by those who own it. They are few—very few—and the people are millions. The price of the cornered gold has advanced more and more, until it has become worth almost two for one. All the while coined gold has concealed the fallacy that is in it. The gold eagle still proclaims itself \$10, although it has advanced in purchasing power until it is nearly \$20. Under this obscure and fraudulent process all productive industries have been crushed to the earth. They who labor in the fields and shops have been virtually ruined.

"The claim that gold coin is the 'sound money,' the 'honest money,' of the world, and that silver money—real, primary silver money, of our old statutory ratio—is dishonest and unsound money is the most false, as it is the most audacious, proposition ever put forth by interested parties to defraud the people of a great nation."

Bicycle and Tobacco.

The United States Tobacco Journal is authority for the statement that the bicycle mania is seriously interfering with the smoking habit. It says: "The bike craze has infatuated, enslaved, at the least calculation, 500,000 males who were addicted to the smoking habit. If these 500,000 male slaves to the bike craze have weaned themselves to smoking only two cigars less a day—this must be considered a most moderate calculation, as the bikist hardly ever worships less than from four to six hours of the shrine of his wheel—than the consumption of cigars is decreasing at the rate of 1,000,000 per day, and the decrease in our cigar production since the bike craze has set in has actually been 700,000,000."

Important Decision.

Judge Simonon of the Dauphin county court, in an opinion in three cases involving a construction of the fee bill of 1893, allows a constable five instead of ten cents a mile for traveling expenses in serving papers and reduces the fees for serving subpoenas from 50 cents to 15. He allows a fee for one warrant in criminal cases for both the alderman and constables, no matter how many defendants, and a fee for one commitment in criminal cases for both the alderman and constable, no matter how many defendants. The fee for an information before an alderman or justice is cut down from 60 cents to 30 cents.

Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. David Shank, of Lock Haven, celebrated on Monday, 20th, the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day, having been married in Lancaster county July 21st, 1846, by Rev. McManec. Mr. and Mrs. Shank have been residents of Clinton county since 1850.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

An Interesting Gathering of the Schenck Family

A STURDY CLASS OF PEOPLE

Came From Lancaster County in 1795—Family Reunion to be Held at the "Old Homestead" Near Howard Pa., Thursday, September 10, 1896.

The Schenck family is one of the oldest in the Bald Eagle Valley, and to-day there are probably over a thousand descendants scattered in various points. In order to commemorate their advent in Centre county, a family reunion, or more properly a centennial anniversary, will be held at the old Schenck homestead, near Howard, Pa., on Thursday, September 10th, 1896. For this event over three hundred invitations will be issued by Messrs Jonathan and D. B. Schenck, who are the committee in charge. And desire all the descendants of the original family to be in attendance.

Rev. Michael Schenck, the pioneer of the family, was a Menomite minister, of Lancaster county. In the summer of 1795 he removed from that place. The trip was made by wagon up the Juniata to Lewistown, and from there across the mountains to Bellefonte. From this point he made the journey down through the undeveloped Bald Eagle valley often being compelled to cut his way through the forests for his wagon. He located at the old homestead.

Daniel Schenck, his son, died at the old homestead on April 29, 1880, at the advanced age of 93 years. He was the father of Jonathan Schenck, now 78 years, who still survives.

They are a sturdy family from a noble sire. Their family history is an interesting one and is identified with the development of that valley during the past century. This centennial will be a notable gathering and largely attended by their relatives and many friends.

Farmer's Institute.

Hon. John T. McCormick and Asst. Sec. of Agriculture John Hamilton are arranging to give Ferguson township the benefit of a one day farmer's institute in the shape of an out door basket picnic. It is to be held about the 22nd of August in Ard's grove near Pine Grove Mills. Prominent speakers will be in attendance. The object of these institutes or meetings are two fold—to create an interest in the work, and to give the latest and best information on the subject.

Busted Actor.

On Friday evening a man with considerable lung power attracted a large audience on the diamond. He entertained the crowd by choice recitations and passed around the hat for a bit of encouragement stating that he was a busted actor. Later he entertained his hearers by an elaborate discussion of the silver question on which he was remarkably well informed and held the audience until late. Where he came from and whether he went no one could say.

Good Planks.

A drummer, who was in our city furnished us a copy of the three new planks which are to be added to the populist platform. First, to cross the lightning bug with the honey bee, so that the honey bee can work at night. Second, to cross the centipede with its many legs, with the hog so that we can get a hundred hams out of a hog. Third, to bud the strawberry plant with the milk weed, so we can get strawberries and cream off the same branch.—Mapington News.

Good Roads.

Professor John Hamilton, deputy secretary of agriculture, is preparing a bulletin on good roads, a copy of which will be sent to every township supervisor in the commonwealth. Professor Hamilton says there is a general disposition among supervisors through the state to improve the public roads in conformity with the conditions that exist under the various laws on this question.

Festival.

On Saturday evening, July 25th, there will be a festival on the lawn surrounding the Presbyterian church, at Jacksonsville, to which every one is invited. Good cream and good cake will be served and a large crowd should be present to help the good cause, as it will be a benefit for the Sunday school.

A Granger's Opinion.

Leonard Rhone, of Centre Hall, worthy master of the state grange, is pleased with the choice of the Chicago convention. Mr Rhone says the ticket is very strong among the farmers and grangers west of the Alleghenies.

F/MOLA GLEANINGS.

SURPRISE PARTY—The young people of Romola are always at pleasure to show visitors a good time, and such was the occasion on Tuesday evening, July 14, when a number of persons met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Robb, Jr., and agreeably surprised Misses Annie Hornel and Belle Sampson of Pittsburg.

The following persons were present: Blanche, Walter, Agatha, and William Wensel, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Wensel, Ella, Verna, Maud, Bessie, Jacob and Ernest Brickley Lizzie, David, and Chas. F. Robb, Carrie, Mame, and Charles V. DeLong, Annie Winslow, Mable Singer, J. C. Laurie, Clyde T., L. O., and John Packer, Emma Bechdel, Chester Hastings, and May Weaver.

It was necessary for Mrs. Robb's mother to take Misses Hornel and Sampson out for a call while the arrangements were being made for the party. Upon returning they were much surprised, as well as pleased, to find so many people present.

All seemed to enjoy themselves, and among those that figured the most conspicuously at the ice cream table were Messrs D. E. Robb and L. O. Packer. They ate cream as though they considered it their "last supper."

After participating in a few games and enjoying some fine music, all bade the attractive young ladies good-by and returned to their homes.

Miss Nellie Kline, of Howard, is at present visiting at the home of her uncle, Mr. H. S. DeLong in this place.

The festival at Summit Hill, last Saturday p. m., and evening was very largely attended by the young folks of Romola and vicinity.

Miss S. E. Bechdel and Mr. H. P. Robb, spent the second week of inst., attending the Inter-National C. E. convention, at Washington, D. C.

Mr. H. S. DeLong is at home from Renovo, on a short vacation. He has been suffering for some time past with neuralgia in his face.

Miss Blanche Wensel, of Lock Haven, spent a few days recently in Romola, calling on friends and relatives. Miss Wensel graduated this year at the C. S. Normal school, of Lock Haven.

Miss Mable Singer, of Hublersburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Raybren, at the old homestead.

Miss Marie Long, is home on a visit. Miss Long has had a pleasant position in Williamsport for some time.

Miss Isabella Taylor, of Bellefonte, spent last Sunday in Romola.

Misses Hornel and Sampson, of near Pittsburg, returned home on the 15 inst. They reported a very enjoyable time during their stay in our little town.

We take pleasure in announcing that the Christian S. S. will hold a picnic and festival in Bechdel's grove on Saturday, Aug. 22, to which all are cordially invited. This is expected to be the best picnic ever held in this place. Do not miss it.

Mrs. H. S. DeLong and Mrs. Dean, spent last Saturday at the home of Wm. McKibben, of Parvin, Clinton county.

SPRING MILLS NOTES.

ACCIDENT—Joseph Smith, of Penn Hall, had quite an accident while on his way to the house, to take charge of Mr. Musser's funeral. While making a short turn with the hearse he upset it, and broke it considerably. Then there had to be a friend in time of need, he got Smith Bros. to help him out.

NEW HOUSE—C. P. Long will soon erect his new brick building, which will add greatly to our town.

C. A. Moyer is closing out his entire stock, at cost. It consists of dry goods, groceries, notions, boots and shoes.

Miss Minnie and Annie Weaver, from Brushvalley, Dr. Alexander and wife and Michael Smith and family, of Poters Mills, spent Saturday with Smith Bros.

WINNING ISSUE—Quite a number went to Centre Hall, on Monday evening, to hear the free silver speech. They were more than pleased with it. More than that, it will be the winning ticket, in next November.

Mr. Baker, the section boss, knows now what raspberries are worth, if they are picked on the railroad company's land.

Dan, how about taking another contract to build fence? It is easy to talk big, but it takes work to build a fence. Come around the next time and help to do some of the work, and let some one else do the talking.

The trout season is over. McCormick takes the belt. The last two days he caught 162 trout. Now like all, be a law abiding citizen and hang up basket and rod till next April, '97.