

DEMOCRACY IN SESSION

County Convention Held at Bellefonte Tuesday

AN ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING

No Steps Backward—Ring Resolutions Adopted—The Chicago Platform Endorsed—Economy in Public Administration Demanded—A Reduction of Salaries and Fees Urged—A Good Attendance.

The Democracy of Centre county have met and placed their ticket in the field and enunciated their platform for the campaign of 1897. The primaries were held throughout the county on Saturday afternoon, and on Tuesday the delegates assembled in convention, in the Court House, at Bellefonte. As a very small ticket was to be nominated and for minor offices, there was no canvass made and the usual excitement did not prevail. The attendance at the convention on Tuesday was exceedingly large considering these facts, and nearly every district was represented.

THE CONVENTION.
At 12:30 County Chairman H. S. Taylor called the convention to order. He made a brief opening address that was forcible and to the point elicited rounds of applause as he alluded to the fact that the Democracy of Centre county had taken no steps backward, and unqualifiedly endorsed the Chicago Platform and still had implicit confidence in the cause and leadership of William Jennings Bryan. Mr. Taylor made an eloquent address, at the conclusion of which the work of organization was proceeded with. J. Boyd A. Musser, the secretary, then read the call for convention and the list of delegates. The following gives the names of the delegates elected on Saturday, and nearly all were present or sent substitutes:

- LIST OF DELEGATES.**
*Bellefonte N. W.—*J. L. Spangler, J. L. Dunlap; *S. W.—*Ed. Brown, Jr., John Hawley, M. Cunningham, Sr., (1/2) Al Garman; *W. W.—*Lew McQuiston.
*Centre Hall Boro—*J. M. Goodhart, Jno. Rider.
*Howard Boro—*John Wagner.
*Milesburg Boro—*Arthur Proudfoot.
*Milheim Boro—*Jno. P. Condo, F. P. Musser.
*Philipsburg Boro, 1st. W.—*Artun Casanova, 2nd. W.—M. Y. Casanova, C. A. Faulkner; 3rd. W.—Wm. Hess.
*S. Philipsburg Boro—*J. Holt.
*State College Boro—*Albert Hoy.
*Unionville Boro—*W. H. Eaton.
*Donner Twp. N. P.—*L. C. Reearick, John McChitney; *S. P.—*Harry A. Wagner.
*Boggs Twp. N. P.—*J. Frank Heaton; *E. P.—*I. M. Harvey; *W. P.—*J. W. Fulmer, Jos. Charles.
*Burnside Twp.—*Wm. Hipple.
*College Twp.—*L. W. Musser, John A. Williams.
*Curtin Twp.—*J. McCloskey.
*Ferguson Twp. E. P.—*John T. McCormick, J. R. Smith, John Snyder; *W. P.—*D. H. Kustenborder.
*Gregg Twp. N. P.—*Geo. F. Weaver; *E. P.—*H. B. Herring, J. C. Condo; *W. P.—*John Smith, M. L. Rischel, J. O. McCormick.
*Alaines Twp. E. P.—*L. D. Orndorf, John H. Fultz; *W. P.—*J. G. Meyer, C. H. Stover, Geo. W. Keister.
*Half Moon Twp.—*A. C. Thompson.
*Harris Twp.—*Jos. K. Page, Jas. Swabb, (1/2) Thos. F. Riley.
*Howard Twp.—*Jno. A. Woodward.
*Huston Twp.—*J. J. Gingerich.
*Liberty Twp.—*W. H. Gardner, B. S. Brown.
*Marion Twp.—*J. J. Hoy, J. W. Orr.
*Miles Twp. E. P.—*J. A. Meyer; *M. P.—*Dr. T. C. Hosterman, H. E. Bierly, H. A. Dettwiler; *W. P.—*John E. Miller.
*Fallon Twp.—*Samuel Baisor.
*Penn Twp.—*D. B. Geary, J. S. Meyer, Jas. E. Harter, A. B. Meyer.
*Potter Twp. E. P.—*Robert Bloom, Geo. H. Emerick; *S. P.—*James M. Droyer, G. L. Goodhart, W. W. Royer, D. F. Foreman.
*Rush Twp. N. P.—*John Todd, Jr., Sim. Batchler; *S. P.—*Michael Dempsey, D. D. Wood.
*Snow Shoe Twp. E. P.—*R. C. Gilliland, Tohmas Kelley; *W. P.—*Jno. T. Lucas.
*Spring Twp. N. P.—*A. V. Hamilton; *S. P.—*Calvin Walz, Adam Hazel; *W. P.—*A. J. Switzer.
*Taylor Twp.—*Vinton Beckwith.
*Union Twp.—*P. J. Loughry.
*Walker Twp.—*Jos. E. Emerick, Geo. W. Young, Jacob Dunkle, Harry McCauley.
*Worth Twp.—*A. J. Johnston.

Col. J. L. Spangler was nominated for chairman of the convention by acclamation. Upon taking the chair he made a brief address, in his customary happy style in which he captivated the audience from the start. His allusions to the arrival of McKinley prosperity was the occasion for an outburst of applause. The principal and most striking part of his address was his allusion to the need of the same economy in public affairs as was required by individuals, during these times of financial distress and paralysis of business in all industrial pursuits. He asserted that public salaries and the prevailing fee systems were not in proportion to the condition of the times and the prices paid in other pursuits. He pleaded for a general reduction of the salaries of all public officers and rigid economy and in the appropriation of public funds. Col. Spangler struck the keynote and the audience was heartily in sympathy with his sentiments on this issue.
The convention then got down to active

work by effecting the following organization:

READING CLERK—D. R. Foreman, of Potter Twp.
TELLERS—A. S. Garman, of Bellefonte; Hon. C. A. Faulkner, of Philipsburg.

SECRETARIES—Jos. E. Emerick, of Walker; R. C. Gilliland, of Snow Shoe.

The following committee on credentials was appointed: J. G. Meyer, Haines; J. W. Orr, Marion; Albert Hoy, State College; Thos. F. Riley, Harris; I. M. Harvey, Boggs Twp.; L. C. Reearick, Benner; N. J. McCloskey, Curtin. As there were no contests for seats, they had no duties to perform.

Next in order was the nomination for county surveyor. J. H. Wetzel, of Bellefonte, received it by acclamation.

For Jury Commissioners there was a bit of rivalry, in which a number of names were presented, and two ballots taken:

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| J. J. Hoy, Marich..... | 35 | 41 |
| Aaron Zerby, Penn..... | 33 | 32 |
| A. V. Daugherty, Burnside..... | 2 | |
| J. P. Shope, Milesburg..... | 1 | |
| W. H. Tibbels, College..... | 1 | |

Mr. Tibbels withdrew before the voting commenced and Messrs. Shope and Daugherty withdrew after the first ballot. Mr. Hoy received a majority on second ballot and was declared the nominee.

The following delegates were elected to the state convention by acclamation: Hammond Sechler, of Bellefonte; John Smith, Spring Mills; John P. Condo, Millheim; P. M. McDonald, Fleming; A. Y. Casanova, Philipsburg.

Next came the Report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was read by A. C. Thompson, of Half Moon, and was supplemented by some well chosen remarks that called forth abundant applause.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

The Democracy of Centre county in convention assembled, do *Resolve*:

FIRST. That, taking no steps backward, we re-affirm our allegiance to the principles of the democratic party as promulgated in the Chicago platform, and our faith is the great and essential principles of justice and liberty upon which our institutions are founded, and which the democratic party has adhered to from Jefferson's time to the present, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the preservation of personal rights, the equality of all citizens before the law, and the faithful observance of all constitutional limitations.

SECOND. We reaffirm our devotion to the principles of the constitution, guaranteeing to every citizen the right of civil and religious liberty, and our unbending faith in the democratic party as the fearless exponent of political liberty, and religious freedom.

THIRD. We denounce the effort of the republican party to restore prosperity to the country and happiness to the people, by the means of greatly increased tariff taxation, as contained in the Dingley Bill, as a burlesque and a fraud, and declare that it will add to the burdens of an already over taxed people, increase the cost of living, oppress labor, impoverish many industries to subsidize a few; that it will promote trusts and combines, foster smuggling, enrich dishonest officials, and bankrupt honest merchants.

FOURTH. We demand that all tariff taxation shall be for revenue only, and declare that the only safe, reasonable and practicable way to restore prosperity and establish our confidence, is to confine the expenses of the government so as to be economically administered within the limits of income; that small earnings and low wages have compelled rigid economy among our people, we therefore demand the same economy in the management of governmental affairs, and to this end urge a reduction of legal fees and salaries of all public officials, federal, state and county.

FIFTH. We demand the free and unlimited coinage of both Gold and Silver at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation; and that the standard silver dollar shall be a full legal tender with gold for all debts, public and private.

SIXTH. We declare that an income tax is necessary to equalize taxation, in order to compel idle capitals to bear its just proportion of the expenses of administration of government.

SEVENTH. We denounce the unwarranted extravagance and profligacy of the present state administration, and look with horror upon the search being made by both the executive and legislative departments of the state government to find new subjects of taxation in order that they may raise sufficient revenue to support extravagant and un-called-for appropriations, pay the largely increased salaries of already paid officers, and maintain the many new and useless offices which they have created.

EIGHTH. We also denounce the present legislature for failure to pass a law requiring all banks in which state deposits are kept to pay a fair rate of interest.

We instruct the delegates to the State Convention to vote for the nomination of Hon. James A. Straubahn for State Treasurer, and request them to use all honorable means to secure his nomination.

A. C. THOMPSON, WM. HESS, W. H. GARDNER, H. E. BIERLY, G. L. GOODHART, J. T. MCCORMICK,

H. S. Taylor, Esq., was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the County Committee for the ensuing year.

Hon. James Schofield was called upon and addressed the convention on issues of the day. No further business before the body, adjournment followed.

ARRESTED FOR ARSON

Serious Charges Preferred Against James Cornelly.

DECLARES HIS INNOCENCE.

Detectives were investigating the cause of the recent fires in our town—Claim they have sufficient evidence to convict—Habeas Corpus hearing on June 17.

Last Thursday evening James Cornelly, of Bellefonte, was arrested on the charge of arson and placed in the county jail. Information was made against him by Col. W. F. Reynolds, at the instance of Detective Vernes, of the Perkins Detective Agency, of Pittsburg, Pa. The information sets forth that there is sufficient evidence to hold Cornelly for the recent attempt to burn the Court House, the burning of the Edison Electric Light Works at this place, April 8th and the recent attempt to burn the new Reynold's Armory building two weeks ago.

The arrest did not create much of a surprise, as it was generally known in this community that for several months detectives had been at work in this vicinity in search of the party or parties guilty of the recent fires. It also was a common rumor that Cornelly was the object of their search, and he knew the same also, and expected to be placed under arrest at any time.

An application has been made to court for habeas corpus hearing and Thursday, June 17, was fixed for the same, when the prosecution will be called upon to show what reasons they have for making the arrest, and if sufficient to hold the prisoner. We understand that Hon. A. O. Furst has been retained to defend Mr. Cornelly.

There have been so many cases of arson in this community, in recent years, that the matter should be thoroughly investigated. In this town sentiment is very strong against the accused man. His irregular habits and intemperate conduct have contributed largely to this. Upon his guilt or innocence it is improper to comment as very few persons know what information will be produced. The crime of arson is a serious one, accompanied by a severe penalty and there will be little show of mercy for the man who gets in the meshes of the law.

It is fortunate that James Cornelly was arrested. For years many persons in this community have not hesitated to brand him openly as a "fire-bug." He has always maintained his innocence and often complained of the ban placed upon him. Now the matter will come to a test. He has able counsel to defend him and, if innocent, can vindicate himself in the courts. On the other hand, if the prosecution can maintain their allegations and clearly prove the same it will be a God-send to the community. The matter is now in the hands of the courts, and therefore will be impartially disposed.

We have little patience with many people, who know absolutely nothing of the case, are in possession of no facts except the unreliable hearsay and gossip of a community and pass judgment and openly brand the prisoner as the guilty party. He is deserving of a fair trial, and will get it.

Since writing the above, the writer saw the accused man in prison and had a brief interview. He was in good spirits and strongly declared his innocence. He also expressed himself as glad the arrest had been made, as he now could place himself correctly before the public. He admits his many shortcomings, but claims he is not the only one who occasionally offends. He realizes fully that the majority of the community accredit to him the crime of arson, and only asks all fair-minded people to be patient and wait the result of his trial before they censure him too severely. His plea is reasonable, for a man is not guilty until clearly proven so.

Death of Henry Booser.

On Friday morning, Mr. Henry Booser died at his home in Centre Hall, from a lingering illness with consumption. For several years Mr. Booser was suffering from an attack of this disease and spent some time in California in the hope of bettering his health. It gave him relief for some time only. His illness was of a long duration and was attended with much suffering.

Mr. Booser was about 44 years of age and leaves a wife nee Annie Derstine and a grown son. His mother survives him. The interment took place on Tuesday.

Will Recover.

Harry Nevil, of Colyer, who was shot through the left lung at Veagertown, Mifflin county, about two weeks ago, through the careless handling of a revolver: is improving and will likely recover; at one time it was thought he could not recover.

DIED AT COLYER.

Mr. Jacob Smith, who conducted a store at Colyer, in Potter township, died on Friday evening.

DEATH OF WM. JONES.

On Tuesday morning Bellefonte lost one of its well known and highly esteemed citizens in the death of Mr. William Jones. He had not been enjoying the best of health for some time, but on Monday he came down town and attended to his customary duties about the First National Bank where he had been employed for the past 14 years. He did not complain of feeling unwell when he retired. On Tuesday morning, when he was called for breakfast, the family became alarmed upon not receiving an answer when his daughter went to his bedside she found him dead. His death was due to rheumatism of the heart.

Deceased leaves a wife, Hannah, and three children, Ellen, Katherine and John Paul, who greatly mourn the loss of a kind and devoted father.



The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Episcopal church, of which he was a devoted member. The funeral will be in charge of the G. A. R. Interment in the Union cemetery.

William Jones was born at Hull, England, June 24th, 1820, making his age 76 years, 11 months and 15 days. When a young man he served in the British navy for a number of years. He came to this country about forty years ago, first settling in Indiana. During the late war he was a good and faithful soldier, serving both in the Marines and in an Ohio company of Infantry.

At the close of the war he came to Bellefonte where he has since resided.

The deceased was a man of stirring worth and the highest integrity. In him his employers always reposed the most implicit confidence for his prompt and exact manner in conducting business, and for that reason held numerous positions of trust in this community. He served one term as the boro tax collector and few delinquents could escape his vigilance. He was a valuable attaché of the First National Bank, at this place, as messenger and always performed his duties with a faithfulness that was to be admired. In the G. A. R. Post rooms there will be a vacancy now that will be hard to fill. The successful management of that institution's finances owes most to Wm. Jones their quartermaster. He took great pride and pleasure in the Post work and to him too much credit can not be given for its efficiency.

Mr. Jones was a man of modest manner, kindly disposition, a model husband and parent, and one who displayed many noble traits worthy of emulation.

All members of Gregg Post and all old soldiers are requested to meet at the Post rooms on Friday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, to attend the funeral of Comrade Jones. By order of D. Bartley, Com'd'r.

Let's Have Another.

The Lock Haven Express has the following to say about the Business Men's Picnic:

The picnic at Hecla Park last summer, of the business men of Lock Haven, Bellefonte, and Centre and Clinton counties, was so much of a success that it was decided to hold another "business men's picnic" this year.

Hammond Sechler, of Bellefonte, was elected chairman, W. F. Elliott, of this city, secretary, and G. W. Fredericks, of Flemington were chosen, with authority to select an executive committee of nine, who in conjunction with the officers were empowered to name the time and place of holding the picnic this summer.

The coming picnic is already talked of in this city, and inquiries have been made at this office as to whether any action has been taken yet by the committee. So far as the Express can learn, nothing has been done yet, but the committee will no doubt act at the proper time.

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WORKINGMEN REVOLT.

President McKinley's Picture torn In Shreds.

A BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT.

A Practical Illustration of how the Workingmen feel—No Work and Distress—A Decided Change of sentiment—Before and after Election—Promises not kept—Bryan Endorsed.

President McKinley's pictures were torn to shreds and trampled under foot by angry workmen at the Wilmerding plant of the Westinghouse Airbrake company last week. Four hundred employes of that corporation had just been indefinitely suspended. Business depression and a lack of orders were assigned as the cause of the company's edict. Immediately after the notices were received the workmen rushed to the fitting room, where campaign banners and representations of the president hung.

Many of the men dropped from the company's pay rolls are among the most skilled mechanics employed at the Wilmerding workshops. A large number have been with the concern for periods ranging from 10 to 15 to 17 years. A great number of these men became members of the John Dalzell Republican Club of Wilmerding during the recent Bryan-McKinley campaign. They wore costly uniforms; the best grade of caped mackintoshes, white plug hats, etc., and carried rich gold colored silk umbrellas, indicating they were "McKinley and an honest dollar, protection, reciprocity and good times." They went to Canton, topped in their campaign regalia, to hear how the mills would be opened and how after they were set going the mistis would open themselves.

The working force of the Wilmerding plant consists of 3,000 men. November 3 the company found and employment for only 1,900 of them, owing to the silver agitation, it was said. Many believed Bryan should be elected and hesitated before joining the Dalzell club. When it became known that all the workmen were expected to make the trip to Canton open rebellion was talked of. It was considered best though, to go.

PICTURES ON THE WALLS.

After the campaign all the pictures banners and "honest dollar" emblems were beautifully framed and hung in the fitting room, the largest in the workshop where men of the highest skill were employed. Among the various other things was a picture of President McKinley, heroic size, in a frame 6x3 feet. Beside it hung another great frame, containing a picture representing Mr. McKinley pulling aside a curtain displaying a great manufactory with dense columns of smoke belching out of the smoke stacks. "Prosperity's advance agent" was bidding a great number of workmen, starved looking individuals who were supposed to have had no employment during the Cleveland reign, go within and find employment. All the gaudy banners were there, too.

Soon the force of employees began to be reduced, and cuts in wages ranging from 15 to 25 per cent were announced. About 12 o'clock yesterday workmen on the first floor were called into the office and received their notices. They hunt about awhile. Finally it became known the orders of dismissal were quite general. Each floor and each department was relieved of a goodly proportion. About the time men from the fitting department were being called, some one rushed into the fitting department and called out:

"The ripper" is passed."

MCKINLEY TORN TO SHREDS.

Everyone wanted to know when, and the man yelled out: "Just now, down in the office." Just at that time several men from the department, who had then received their notices, returned, followed by 200 others of the unfortunates. They ran up the stairs, and in a moment the big picture of the president was sent to floor. Crash went the glass. The frame was jerked apart, and the big picture was torn into shreds and cast about on the floor. Simultaneously the picture of the advance agent and the smoking factory was pulled down. It met a similar fate. In hardly more time than it takes to tell it, all the banners, pictures gilt emblems, etc., were jerked from their fastenings and totally destroyed. Then the men dispersed, crying:

"Bryan was the real thing; we were mistaken!"

Now the John Dalzell Republican club is to be transformed into a Democratic organization.

Probably the most utterly disappointed man of the 400 was Mr. Jacobs, the orator to President McKinley at Canton during his campaign, for the air-brake workers.

On the floor, where 125 men were employed, 61 were dismissed. The triple filters are the highest priced men in the employ of the concern. Nineteen were dropped. The hopping off was general, and every department felt the weight of the "protection" ax.—Pittsburg Post.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S FIRST LOVE.

Mrs. Boyce Refused the Chance to be President's Wife.

Mrs. Susan Boyce, of Callistoga, Cal., was Abraham Lincoln's sweetheart when she was Miss Susan Reid, of New Salem, Ill. Speaking of this early attachment to a correspondent of the New York Sun she said:

"I first met Mr. Lincoln in 1836 at the house of a neighbor named Able. There was quite a party of young people there, and I remember that he seemed very bashful. He soon began to pay me a good deal of attention, which pleased my father more than it did me, for my father liked him very much and had great faith in him. Mr. Lincoln often took me out horseback riding and to singing school and church. He was a Spiritualist and he believed in dreams. He often told me his dreams were prophetic. He also talked of the stars a great deal, and I remember I thought him a queer kind of fellow. Still, he was very entertaining, and he studied hard all the time.

"He was not as ardent a lover as I've seen since, but he kept his case going pretty lively, and pressed me hard for an answer. He told me I was the first woman he ever loved, and that he was sure he could never love anyone else as he did me, and I believe he meant what he said. I did not want to marry him, because I didn't love him, and so I invented a story about being engaged to a young man back in Kentucky, where we had come from. That cooled his ardor for a little while, but he soon began coming to see me again, and finally he told my father that he would call on a certain day for my final answer. When the day came I made it a point to be away from home, and Lincoln didn't get over the way I treated him. My father lectured me about it and told me I had made a dance of myself, but my mother took my part, and said that if I did not love him I ought not to marry him."

Inhuman Conduct.

A most revolting case came to light one evening last week upon the arrest of two brothers, Jeremiah and William Garner, of Ferguson township, this county. It appears that the brothers kept bachelors' hall since their mother's death. Their 70-year-old father resided with them. His sons refused their father both temporal and spiritual comforts. The other night, when the old man was saying prayers, one of the sons approached him with a revolver and made him cease praying and get into bed. The arrest was made upon the petition of 40 of the best citizens of that township to District Attorney Singer.

Both sons gave bail for their appearance at the coming session of August court. The citizens in that section are much exercised over the conduct of these men and will make an effort to have them receive their deserts.

Will Erect a Parsonage.

The Presbyterian congregation of Centre Hall has decided to erect a parsonage on their lot adjoining the church. The building committee, composed B. D. Brisbin, G. M. Boal, Charles Arney, Joshua Potter, Rev. F. F. Christine, and W. O. Rearick, met on Tuesday evening in order to make arrangements for commencing the building at once. Architect Cole, of Bellefonte, was consulted as to a plan and a parsonage will be erected which will be a credit to the congregation.

Double Assessment.

A law was passed by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and approved by the Governor on April 20, that hereafter triennial assessments must not be made later than Dec. 31 commencing this year (1897.) Heretofore in Centre county all assessments have been made in the month of May, consequently there will be two assessments in 1897.

Broke Jail at Lewisburg.

Harry Rupert and George Eisenhower, of Williamsport, together with Sherman Ettinger, of Union county, broke jail at Lewisburg Saturday night by picking the locks on their cell doors and prying the iron bars from an outside window. The men were in jail for robbery. Sheriff Gross has offered a reward of \$100 for recapture.

A New Band.

The Forest City band of Scotia has been presented with a new \$800 set of gold and silver plated instruments through the kindness of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, whose extensive ore operations are located at that place. They expect to array themselves in new uniforms in a short time.

Festival.

Festival will be held by Grove Bros., Post No. 262, G. A. R., at Howard, on Saturday July 3, 1897, for benefit of Post. Everybody is cordially invited.