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## REPUBLICANS IN SESSION

### County Convention Held on Tuesday, August 10th.

### WAS A QUIET GATHERING.

The County Ticket Nominated With Little Difficulty—Crissman, of Phillipsburg, had a Say—The Resolutions Adopted and Other Proceedings—Post Office Aspirants on Deck.

The republicans of Centre county held their primary elections on Saturday afternoon and evening in the various precincts. It attracted very little attention anywhere, as there was hardly a contest, and few voters knew what offices were to be filled this year, and who were anxious to have the party nominations. On Tuesday the county convention was held in the Court House, at Bellefonte, and those in attendance came more to look after postoffices for themselves, or their friends, than the nomination of a county ticket this year. There was a general drift, to County Chairman W. E. Gray's law office, who poses as one of the chief dispensers of public patronage. From there, they next went to W. F. Reeder's office, and then on to other lesser political lights, some of whom seem to have a bigger pull than the leaders.

Hunting postoffice endorsements, truly seemed to be their aim and object, and they made good use of their time.

### THE CONVENTION.

At 11.15, the convention was called to order by County Chairman W. E. Gray, who instructed the Secretary of the Committee, Geo. W. Reese, to read the call and list of delegates, the total of which amounts to 125, of which 106 were present.

S. S. Crissman, of Phillipsburg, was nominated for chairman, but declined. Dr. George F. Harris, of Bellefonte, was then chosen and, without any elaborate remarks, proceeded to business. Geo. H. Small, of Rebersburg, and G. E. Chandler, of Phillipsburg, were appointed as secretaries. The following committee on resolutions were appointed: John M. Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte; R. K. Wilson, of Marion; Theo. S. Christ, of College; Frank W. Wrye, Patton, and D. H. Rote, of Aaronsburg.

H. Olliger, of Spring twp., offered a resolution that the inevitable S. S. Crissman could not digest, and at once his bristles went up like a purring catamount. After this idea penetrated his cranium he was a little more calm and subdued. Phillipsburg, as usual, was ready for a scrap and seemed to be hunting trouble. The trouble with that man Crissman, he wants to be noticed—a little fresh—salting in allopathic doses, at frequent intervals, is what he needs most.

For County surveyor two candidates were voted for as follows:  
Jessie Cleaver, of Unionville.....92  
W. H. Snyder, Boggs.....103  
Cleaver was declared the nominee.

For Jury Commissioner there was more rivalry for this high position. The ballots for the candidates stood as follows:

M. S. Williams, Huston.....74  
John D. Decker, Potter.....10  
Saml. Ailey, Marion.....18  
Adam Rishel, Harris.....3  
J. A. Crider, Boggs.....2  
M. S. Williams was declared the nominee.

For delegates to the State Convention, the following were unanimously chosen: Wm. Shortridge, Bellefonte; and A. L. Bollinger, of Phillipsburg.

W. E. Gray, Esq., of Bellefonte, was re-elected the county chairman for 1898. He was called and made a brief address and pledged his strongest efforts for the party's success.

J. M. Dale then read the report of the committee on resolutions which was adopted.

No further business, motion to adjourn carried.

THE RESOLUTIONS.  
The committee on resolutions then reported as follows:

The Republicans of Centre county in convention assembled, again declaring their unflinching devotion to the principles and traditions of the party of Lincoln, of Grant, of Garfield, and of McKinley, do hereby commend the intelligent action of the American people who at the polls in November last so thoroughly repudiated the free silver heresy.

The signs of the times to-day demonstrate that there was never so dangerous a theory submitted to the people and the relative values of the farmers' wheat and the silver kings' silver to-day show that there never was so dishonest a scheme offered to the intelligent voters of our country.

Second. They affirm that there awaits for the people an era of prosperity, only recently inaugurated by the passage of the Dingley bill. After only five months of Republican administration, there to-day are presented and assured to the American workingman, his wife and children more evidences of substantial returning prosperity than were ever shown during the whole four years of Democratic misrule under the dogma of free trade. McKinley and his party have given to this country "an honest dollar and a chance to earn it."

Third. They most heartily commend the broad, manly administration of our fellow citizen, Governor D. H. Hastings, the Gov-

ernor of Pennsylvania. He has been the pioneer in the passage of laws that will be of lasting benefit to the material interests of the State. He has met the ringsters, rounders, jobbers, neiders, and lobbyists, and by his open, courageous official treatment of them has once for all time shown that there is no reason why the fair fame of this State should be clouded, or why her treasury should be robbed. His vigilance has saved to the State many thousands of dollars, and at the same time he has seen to it that the deserving charities of the State have received some of her bounty to carry on her good work.

Fourth—They endorse the course pursued by the Hon. W. G. Arnold, our representative in congress, and appreciate the work done by him in procuring pensions for our soldiers, the prompt and courteous attention always given by him to any application made to him for information or assistance by any of his constituents, and his course in reference to the tariff bill recently passed.

Fifth—They hereby pledge the united support of the republican party to the ticket this day nominated, and to the State ticket to be nominated in the near future.

Sixth—Resolved, That the delegates this day elected to the State convention be and they are hereby instructed to support Major L. G. McCauley of Chester county for Auditor General, and James A. Beacom of Westmoreland county for State Treasurer, as long as they or either of them remain in the field.

Resolutions Reviewed.  
In regard to the above resolutions it is in order to make the following observations:

The first resolution practically declares that bimetalism is a "silver heresy" and "so dishonest a scheme" was never offered to the intelligent voters of our country. This very "dishonest scheme," bimetalism, is the same the Republicans endorsed in their National platforms of 1888 and 1892. Then it was honest; they said so, anyhow. To brand your opponent "dishonest," because he differs on a great financial question, is low-grade abuse, an evidence of weakness—it is the weapon of the demagogue. According to this, the election returns show that there were about six million and a-half "dishonest" voters championing a "heresy" last fall. This indicates that the republican party must have a monopoly on the morality and integrity of the country—very improbable, from the reading of their third resolution, which has the following to say of the conduct of the recent overwhelmingly republican Penn'a. legislature:

"He, (Gov. Hastings) has met the RINGSTERS, ROUNDERS, JOBBERS, HEELERS, and LOWVIVISTS, and by his open, courageous official treatment of them has once for all time shown that there is no reason why the fair fame of this State should be clouded, or why her treasury should be robbed. His vigilance has saved to the State many thousand dollars."

Rather a severe lashing, for honest republicans.

The following, in the second resolution, needs some attention:

"There to-day are presented and assured to the American workingman, his wife and children more evidences of substantial returning prosperity than were ever shown during the whole four years of Democratic misrule under the dogma of free-trade. McKinley and his party have given to this country "An honest dollar and a chance to win it."

Let us apply a bit of recent history to the above. Last fall, about election time, the workmen about the Valentine furnace, in the Morris lime operations, Crider's lumber mills, chain works, in machine shops and foundries, all about Bellefonte, generally received in their pay envelopes little red cards. These told the workmen that Bryan's election would cause reduced wages, and probably no work. McKinley's election was the guarantee of steady employment, higher wages, prosperity. No man dare deny this to be fact, for many workmen, about Bellefonte, are still carrying these pledges in their inside pockets, and anxiously awaiting their redemption.

Now if there is a single man, in any one of these industries who has had the same amount of employment since then with increased wages, we ask him to come forth and make himself known. On the other hand, we are reliably informed that in almost everyone of the above places, since McKinley's election, wages have been cut down and down, strikes occurred recently, employment is scarcer, and many workmen are in destitute circumstances, on that account. These are known facts in this community. If this is not true, we await correction. But it is the sad truth, and the working people about Bellefonte know it, too well.

Last fall certain republican employers, about Bellefonte, urged their workmen to go on a trip to Canton, Ohio, to see the "Advance Agent of Prosperity," also advanced them sufficient funds to buy gold hats and purchase tickets. These same parties now can't raise enough money to pay the wages due their men. If this is not true, will some one correct us.

Yes, prosperity has come with a vengeance to this community.

We do not consider these republicans "dishonest" in their dealings with workmen—they simply let their political feelings get away with their good judgment, they were mistaken, not "dishonest," and the workmen are suffering and sadly disappointed.

At this point it is in order for the republican leaders to stand up and explain.

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## A PENNSYLVANIA KLONDYKE

### Gold Assaying as High as \$625 a Ton Being Mined.

### HUNTINGDON CO. SENSATION

#### Discovery Made Five Years Ago by a Poor Blacksmith Who Sold a Half Interest to a Syndicate Capitalized at \$1,000,000.—This Same Story Has Been Published Before.

Finding gold seems to be the popular craze since the Klondyke fields have been opened. The following has been going the rounds and we would not pretend to vouch for the truth of the article:

Nine years ago Isaac Snyder, a blacksmith who owned 300 acres of land on Tussey mountain, near Huntingdon, discovered traces of gold quartz on his property. He worked in secrecy five years in sinking an eighty foot shaft, finding an ore that yielded gold in quantities far beyond his fondest expectations. Lacking money to develop his find, Snyder sold out half of his property to a syndicate.

A corporation was organized under the name of the Tussey Mountain Mining and Improvement Company capitalized at \$1,000,000. Isaac Taylor, of Huntingdon, is president and D. Y. Swayne, also of Huntingdon, is secretary and treasurer. Some of the best samples of the ore mined were sent to assayers.

Isaac H. Hildebrand, of Altma, Col., reported that the sample sent to him showed a value of \$529 to the ton. The assay of Philip Becker, of Ouray, Col., was even higher, showing about \$600 to the ton. Another sample was assayed at the laboratory of State College showing \$625 to the ton. Beside the gold the ore yields a percentage of copper that is very rich, and it is claimed that either one will pay the expense of operating, leaving the other clear profit. The company has employed experienced miners, and is now operating a steam drill, storing the ore under guard until a smelter can be erected.

### SILVER AND AGRICULTURE.

#### The British Royal Commission Issues a Report—A Plea for Silver.

The royal commission on agriculture in England has issued a report suggesting various palliatives for the existing depression in agriculture, which the commission attributes mainly to the general and persistent fall of prices and to foreign competition, which is not likely to abate.

The commissioners are very much divided in opinion with reference to a remedy for falling prices. Ten of them, including Rt. Hon. Henry Chaplin, president of the local government board, and Rt. Hon. Walter Hume Long, Conservative member of parliament for the West Derby division of Liverpool, signed a supplementary report declaring their belief that measures tending to increase the value of silver would greatly assist agriculture, but no recommendation on this subject is signed by the commission as a whole.

The supplementary report expresses the opinion that depression prevails alike in protective and free trade countries, and is especially severe in the United States; that heavy protective duties, when imposed in Germany and France, failed to give either country security against depression may be found in the great monetary changes made in Europe and the United States in 1873 and 1874. Since the only countries which appear to be free from such depression are India and Argentina, the farmers of the supplementary report contend that a prima facie case is established for the assertion that the depression is the outcome of the appreciation of gold and of the divergence in the value of metals, which gives an artificial advantage to producers in silver using countries.

While suggesting the abandonment of the gold standard, the signers of the supplementary report propose an international conference to arrange for the reopening of mints abroad and in India, and the restoration of silver either wholly or partially to the position it occupied prior to 1873.

In conclusion the supplementary report invites the government to give effect to the resolution adopted by parliament in February, 1895, in favor of such a conference.

On A Western Tour.

Misses Anna and Ada Goodhart, daughters of ex-commissioner George Goodhart, of Centre Hill, departed last week for an extended trip to Illinois and Wisconsin. They expect to remain in the west visiting their friends and relatives for about three months.

The CENTRE DEMOCRAT and Pittsburg West for \$1.50 a year.

### WHAT WILL THE WORKINGMEN GET?

The prices of goods are reported to be advancing. It could hardly be otherwise, for the duties on many of the goods in general use have been so increased as to imperatively require such increase. Now, if wages were advanced in the same proportion as the necessities of life, nobody could find fault, but evidences in that direction are very faint. We have heard of but a single instance in which the pay of the workmen has been increased, and it was such an unusual circumstance as to have called forth very general comment and commendation. It is very evident that the prices of goods that are most used by the laboring classes, have risen, and while such increment may benefit manufacturers and trusts, it has a directly opposite tendency if there is not a corresponding increase in the purchasing ability of the masses. The tariff has protected the manufacturer, and in turn the manufacturer should protect those by whose skill and labor their prosperity is assured.

We have been patiently waiting for some evidence of a general tendency among employers to increase the pay of their employes, but thus far no such evidence has become apparent. It may come in time, but if the friends of the tariff—those most directly interested in it—desire its perpetuation, they will have to share the benefits with those, without whose help, though a tariff was enacted that would be absolutely prohibitory, its provisions would be of no avail. The proper way to make the tariff popular and enduring is to convince the working men, who constitute the great mass of voters, that they are sharers in whatever prosperity it may bring with it.—Philadelphia Star.

### Furbay on His Mistle.

Rev. H. G. Furbay, Ph. D., formerly of Tyrone, Pa., at the Old Orchard House in Massachusetts on Monday afternoon, choked Walter Gessinger, a member of the Oxford Presbyterian church at Philadelphia, of which Dr. Furbay is pastor. Mr. Gessinger was one of the number of the Oxford people who made an unsuccessful effort to get rid of Dr. Furbay as pastor of the church and the two gentlemen met by appointment at the place and the time the choking was done, perhaps to come to an understanding if possible, but as results proved only to widen the breach. Gessinger has entered suit against the preacher who is stated to have entered bail for his appearance at a hearing before a tribunal of justice.

### Tyrone Enterprise.

The machinery for the shoe factory at Tyrone is now all in the building and being placed on the three floors as rapidly as possible by a competent corps of workmen. The engine and boiler are also on hand and being located in the engine room adjoining the main building, while other work is going on preparatory to the starting of the factory for the manufacture of shoes. It will take ten days or two weeks to get things in shape for the starting of the machinery.

### Bush Meeting—Change of Time.

The Bush meeting to be held by the Brushvalley and Centre Hall circuits, Ev. Association, in the grove belonging to James Wert, 6 miles east of Centre Hall, in Brushvalley, will begin on Friday evening the 13th inst., and continue over Sunday, instead of 6 inst., as announced in last week's Reporter. All are invited.

### House Destroyed by Fire.

The house situated at the east end of Lemont, owned by Wm. Keller, of this township and occupied by his daughters, was destroyed by fire on Monday night, of last week. The ladies were away from home at the time of the fire and it is thought that the fire was the work of an incendiary. We have not learned whether the house was insured.

### Death of Orrin Dale.

The death of Orrin Dale, son of Philip Dale, of Lemont, occurred at his home in Milton, Monday week ago, where he had been a telegraph operator for quite a number of years. Mr. Dale was aged about thirty years and the cause of his death was diabetes. He is survived by a family.

### Head Crushed by Wagon.

While M. Flaig & Sons were hauling stone weighing over five tons from Castanea to Lock Haven on Friday, a heavy log chain holding the rear wheels broke while going down hill. The wagon ran into Wallace Flaig, aged eighteen, and the front wheels crushed his brains out.

### Death of George C. Broom.

The remains of George C. Broom, at one time proprietor of the hotel at Spring Mills, were taken to that place for burial Thursday of last week. His death had occurred in Harrisburg.

—Straw hats at any price, at Lewins.

## CHANGES IN THE BALLOT LAW

### There Will Be No More Political Assessments.

### LARGE PENALTIES IMPOSED

#### An Effort to Put An End to Old Abuses—No More Payment of Poll Tax by Politicians—A Good Move—This Law Should be Enforced.

The practice very common for political organizations to pay the poll tax assessed on persons who are either unable or unwilling to pay it themselves is not likely to be so common hereafter. An act approved by Governor Hastings July 15th, is intended to put a stop to this practice. It provides that it "shall be unlawful for any person or persons to pay or cause to be paid any occupation or poll tax assessed against any elector, except on the written and signed order of such elector authorizing such payment to be made, which written and signed order must be presented at least thirty days prior to the date of holding the election at which such elector desires to vote."

Section second forbids tax collectors to receive payment of or receipt to any other than the elector himself, except upon his written and signed order.

Section third forbids any one attempting to vote upon a tax receipt obtained in violation of this act.

Section fourth fixes the penalty for violation of the act which is imprisonment "for a term of not less than twenty days or more than six months in the direction of the court, or by such fine not exceeding two hundred dollars, as said court shall impose."

### NO MORE POLITICAL ASSESSMENT.

Another act approved the same day, July 15th, by the governor forbids any officer of the commonwealth, any mayor or head of department of any city of this commonwealth to make or allow to be made any assessment for political purposes on men appointed by him or in his employ.

The penalty for violation of this act is imprisonment for a term of not more than one year, and fine of not more than one thousand dollars, both or either at the discretion of the court.

These enactments may not remedy the evils referred to but they are moves in the right direction and many people will be glad to see them prove effective.

### INCREASED PENALTIES.

The amendment to section 118 of the act of 1839 punishing persons who vote knowing themselves not to be qualified and also punishing those knowing such disqualification, aid or procure such persons to vote, and also for voting out of his proper district, was also passed and was approved by the governor on July 14th.

The fine, which was not to exceed \$200, is now made not to exceed \$500, and imprisonment, which was not to exceed three months, is now to exceed five years.

### Stomach Full of Lizards.

Howard Overly, a young farmer, of Providence township, Lancaster county, has been ailing for several months and his case was a puzzle to the physicians. Dr. Prew, of Paradise, who has been attending him, Thursday decided to give him an anthelmintic and a few minutes later Overly commenced vomiting with astonishing results. There were twenty-four lizards, ranging in size from two to three and a half inches long, many of them dead. Forty lizard eggs and many worms were thrown from his stomach. On the farm on which the latter resides is a large spring from which he has been accustomed to drink for years by lying flat on his stomach, and it is supposed that he in that way swallowed the lizards or their eggs.

### Lightning Strikes Barnes.

On Wednesday evening, of last week, lightning struck the barns of W. J. Gunsallus and Wm. Schenck near Eagleville. Both barns were totally destroyed, together with the contents, which consisted of the season's crops and machinery. Mr. Gunsallus' loss was partially covered by insurance with the Sugar Valley company. The live stock was all saved.

During the same storm the barn of Charles Shaw, in Pine Creek township, was struck by lightning and burned and two horses were killed. The wind drove the flames to a tobacco shed nearby and it was destroyed with a large quantity of tobacco stored therein. No insurance. Loss heavy.

### Daisy Social.

The Y. P. S. C. E., of the Presbyterian church of Jacksonville, will hold a Daisy Social, at the residence of Mrs. Irvin Reber, Howard, Pa., Saturday evening.

To Cure Constipation Followers.  
Take Cascarella Candy Cathartic. It or 25c. If C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

### THINKS IT A COMPLIMENT.

#### Attorney General McCormick Pleased That Quay Opposes Him.

In an interview Thursday evening Attorney General McCormick was asked: "Have you seen the interview with Richard R. Quay published in a Philadelphia morning paper wherein Mr. Quay says: 'It is all rot, McCormick is the last man in the state whom my father would support for governor?'"

"Yes, I have read it with much interest, because it bears evidence of being authoritative."

"Do you desire to say anything in reply?"

"I cannot say that I desire to do so, but I think it only fair that in this public way I should acknowledge the compliment bestowed upon me. I have never considered the question of being a candidate for governor, have not even talked about it with my closest friends. I suppose there must be a million people, more or less, eligible to the office of governor of Pennsylvania, and to be selected as 'the last man whom my father would support' is an unexpected compliment."

"The man whom Senator Quay supports for governor next year he will, as a matter of course, expect to control and thus prevent independent judgement on the part of the executive. This is a price no self-respecting man can pay for the gubernatorial nomination. Hence the implied compliment in being 'the last man in the state whom my father would support.'"

### Examine Your Fruit Trees.

By an act of the legislature it is unlawful for any person to keep any tree infected with the contagious diseases known as yellows, black knot, peach rosette, or peach blight, or to offer for sale or shipment or to sell or ship any of the fruit thereof, except the plum, cherry and pear tree. Both trees and fruit diseased are subject to destruction as a nuisance upon complaint of any person. If the owner does not destroy the tree the authorities of the town or township shall appoint three freeholders as commissioners to inquire and condemn, and the expense charged to the borough or township, which may be recovered from the owner of the tree condemned.

### Film Flammers at Jersey Shore.

Two strangers worked the film flamm game on Mrs. William Saft, at Jersey Shore, Saturday. They purchased two cigars, tendered two dollars in payment, Mrs. Saft returned \$1.90 in change, when one of them asked her to hand back the two dollar bill and he would give her the exact change for the cigars. Mrs. Saft handed back the bill and as the men were going out the door she recollected with the two dollar bill they also had the \$1.90 in change. She called her husband, who soon overtook the men. He threatened to thrash the rascals when they gave him the money. They then skipped out and have not been seen since.

### New Postmasters.

Among the new post-masters who have been appointed, during the last week, are John W. Stuart, at State College; C. D. Motz, at Woodward; M. A. Woods, at Boalsburg; and Alexander McCoy, at Potter's Mills. The appointment of Mr. Stuart has not been officially announced, though it is reported to have been made. At State College quite a number were seriously disappointed and claim that a double game was played in that place. It is their fight, they may settle it.

### A Phillipsburg Racket.

On Tuesday Geo. B. Simler, of Phillipsburg, was before Justice Keichline on the charge of larceny and assault. The prosecutor is Mrs. R. B. Weld, of Phillipsburg. Mr. Simler waved a hearing and entered bail for an appearance at August court. The cause of this proceeding, occurred about April 15th.

The same prosecutor also made information against Geo. B. Simler and James C. Williams, of Phillipsburg, for conspiracy, etc.

### A Good Show.

Welsh Brothers show will exhibit in Bellefonte on Monday, August 16. Everybody should attend. Admission only 10 cents.

### Grange Meeting.

Centre County Pomona Grange will meet in the hall of Bald Eagle Grange, Milesburg, Friday Aug 20, 1897, 10.30 a. m.

Gov. HASTINGS says he is not a candidate for the United States Senate. That should settle all speculations on that point.

### Rep. Convention Notes.

A move was on foot to endorse Attorney Gen. McCormick, of Williamsport, for Gov., but for some reason it did not come up. It is said that the Phillipsburg politicians were loaded for such an emergency. It is a pity that they did not have an opportunity to "go off," explode.