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## DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Met in the Court House on Tuesday Noon and Named the Ticket

### THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

A Brief Session Was Held and Little Work Was to Be Done—Few Contests on Hand, Which Were Quickly Disposed of.

On Saturday the Democratic primaries were held over the county and they passed off without attracting much attention. There practically was only one contest on hand and that was the legislative fight. It was generally conceded that Hon. J. H. Wetzel would be accorded the customary usages of the party, a renomination, and it was done. Hon. R. M. Foster, of College, J. W. Kepler, of Ferguson, and John Conley, of Potter, were the aspirants for the other nomination for the same office, as we send two members from this county. On Saturday evening the telephone messages from over the county early indicated that J. W. Kepler was the successful candidate, having swept the county by a large vote. The result was easily told and the work of the convention foreshadowed.

The attendance at the convention on Tuesday was exceptionally good, under the circumstances, as all but one district was represented. At noon, on Tuesday, Chairman Johnston called the convention to order and spoke of the importance of co-operation of all members of the party throughout the county this coming presidential campaign. Secretary John J. Bower then read the call of the convention and the roll of delegates, and substitutions were noted. Dr. F. K. White, of Philipsburg, was chosen chairman by acclamation, and Messrs Wm. F. Smith and D. R. Foreman were directed to escort him to the chair, which they did in such a graceful manner as to win the applause of the audience. The Doctor made a few very appropriate remarks that elicited approval. The organization was then completed with the following gentlemen selected by acclamation: Secretaries—S. M. McDowell, State College; and D. R. Wilson, Howard; Tellers—G. W. Rumberger, Fleming and D. R. Foreman, Potter; Reading Clerk—W. F. Smith of Penn.

Committee on Credentials—W. E. Frank, Rush; Wm. Collins, College; John F. Potter, Boggs; H. M. McManaway, Gregg; G. P. Gentile, Spring; Walter Gerrity, Potter; Adam Zettle, Harris. As there were no contests on hand this committee had no duties to perform.

The Committee on Resolutions was next announced and they retired to deliberate on the same. Walter Gerrity then offered an order of business that was approved.

Next came the nominations for the office of assembly in which J. C. Sauer, of State College, paid a glowing tribute to the personal worth and the creditable official career of Hon. R. M. Forster, of State College. The other names were put before the convention in short order and the ballot was soon taken which resulted in the election of Wetzel and Kepler on the first ballot, which stood as follows:

J. H. Wetzel, of Bellefonte..... 80  
I. W. Kepler, of Ferguson..... 58  
R. M. Forster, State College..... 21  
John Conley, Potter..... 9

Next came jury commissioner and the following were placed before the convention and the first ballot resulted in the selection of Mr. Robb:

Frederick Robb, Liberty..... 59  
D. W. Harter, Miles..... 25

Lewis Aikey, of Boggs, was named for the same office, but the chairman ruled that it could not be voted upon for the reason that he had not complied with the rules of the party requiring all candidates to register, at least three weeks before, the primaries with the county chairman.

Harry Fenlon, of Bellefonte, then nominated Hon. J. K. P. Hall, for Congress, and offered the following resolution in connection with the same:

Resolved, That R. M. Foster, S. A. McQuiston and A. J. Graham, are hereby named as congressional conferees with instructions to support and use all honorable means to secure the nomination of Hon. J. K. P. Hall as the candidate for congress, from this the 38th district.

The Committee on Resolutions made their report and it was met with applause and adopted. The report was presented by John C. Rowe, of Philipsburg, chairman of the committee, as follows:

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.  
We the representatives of the Democracy of Centre county in convention assembled, renewing our pledge of fidelity to the principles of the Democratic party as interpreted by Jefferson, Jackson and Tilden, and having in mind the momentous questions now before the people of this great land, we make the following declarations of the principles

and policies which should guide us in our political actions:

We reaffirm the declarations of principles contained in the Democratic platform of 1896, and unreservedly declare in favor of freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of conscience, the preservation of personal rights, the equality of all citizens before the law and the faithful observance of all constitutional limitations.

We again declare our faith in the beneficent effects of bimetallism, gold and silver the money of the constitution, and believe its recognition and adoption would tend to steady and make permanent the prosperity of our country, and free us from the power of the money trusts and other illegal combinations of capital, that are now, by virtue of the opportunity afforded them by the existence of a single gold standard, accumulating vast fortunes at the expense of the masses of the people.

We believe in a careful and thorough revision of the tariff, and in the imposition of such duties only, as are necessary for an economical administration of the affairs of the government; and we declare in favor of the enactment of such laws that will place at once upon the free list all articles of raw material, and every manufactured product now used and manufactured by any trust, monopoly, or illegal combination whatsoever.

We declare in favor of the prompt, efficient and faithful enforcement of all anti-trust laws, state or national, and the enactment of such additional legislation as may be necessary to drive out of existence all illegal combinations, criminal trusts and monopolies.

We are unalterably opposed to the militarism and imperialism of the present Republican administration, and denounce the attempt to hold our newly acquired territory, as imperial colonies, or military satrapies, as undemocratic, and subversive to the best interests of a free country.

We affirm the platform adopted at the Democratic State Convention, and pledge a united support of the party in Centre county to the excellent ticket nominated, and especially do we call upon the Democracy of the county and upon all good citizens irrespective of party affiliation to support our honored fellow citizen, Hon. F. Gray Meek, the nominee for auditor general.

We demand an honest and thorough revision of the election laws of the state, so that in the future we may have pure elections, honest counts, and true returns, and we denounce the Republican party of the state as being responsible for the present odious election laws, which make elections in many parts of the state, a mockery.

We denounce the attempt of the Republican party to foist upon the state the Hon. M. S. Quay as a representative in the Senate of the United States, in defiance of the plain mandates of the constitution, and against the plainly expressed will of the good people of the state.

We condemn the present unjust revenue laws of the state, and demand such revision so that all legitimate subjects of taxation shall bear their fair share of its burdens.

We condemn all unjust, unequal, and oppressive taxation national, state and municipal, and the excessive, extravagant and criminal expenditure of public moneys by the officials of the government, and urge all good citizens irrespective of party to support only such men for public place as are faithful to the trust imposed in them and to oppose all such as have proved themselves unworthy of trust and confidence.

We recognize in the Hon. William Jennings Bryan the ideal Democrat, intelligent, honest, able, sincere and loyally devoted to Democratic principles and Democratic policies, whose public and private life is without spot or blemish, whose utterances upon all questions, public and private, have stamped him as a man of the people, and as a man to whom the Democracy and the common people of our country may look for its redemption from the spoilsman; as regeneration from militarism and imperialism; and its disenfranchisement from the enslaving bonds of trusts and combines; and we pledge him our united support for his election to the presidency.

We heartily approve of the course of Hon. James K. P. Hall, our representative in the Congress of the United States, and we hereby instruct the conferees to the Congressional conference of our district to use all honorable means to secure his renomination, and if nominated we pledge him our united support in his election.

We commend the ticket this day nominated to the favorable consideration of the people, and invite all conservative citizens to unite with us in securing its triumphant election.

JOHN C. ROWE, LEWIS ORNDORF, J. T. MERRYMAN, W. D. ZEBBY, D. E. ROBB, JR., MICHAEL SMITH, W. H. FRY.—COM.

Next was the nomination of candidates for the position of county chairman. John J. Bower and William G. Runkle, Esq., were announced. Then the following communication from Mr. Runkle was read by the secretary:

To the Democracy of Centre County in Convention Assembled:  
About five or six years ago I was a candidate for County Chairman and withdrew in the interest of harmony. This year, with the belief that I was fairly entitled to this recognition, having stepped aside before and without any intimation that my rights to the office would be disputed, I expressed a desire to receive this honor.

Relying upon an unbroken party custom to select a Chairman upon the judgment of the delegates sent to the convention, I made no efforts to secure instructions and an expression of the voters. In view of the fact that my further candidacy may be misconstrued, and disavowing any purpose of creating the semblance of party discord or factional spirit, and thanking my friends for their generous offers of support, I now

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## THE FAMINE IN INDIA

The Horror and Suffering Not Exaggerated

### ENGLAND AGAIN ASSAILED

Starvation in One Colony and Spending Millions to Crush Out a People and Acquire Another—Hale's Severe Criticism.

Louis Klopsch, of New York, publisher of the Christian Herald, who arrived at Bombay May 14 and started on a tour of the famine stricken districts, has returned after traveling through the most sorely smitten portions of the Bombay Presidency, including Gujerat and Barolida. He said:

"Everywhere I met the most shocking and revolting scenes. The famine camps have been swept by cholera and small-pox. Fugitives, scattering in all directions and stricken in flight, were found dying in the fields and roadside ditches. The numbers at one relief station were increasing at the rate of 10,000 per day.

"The condition of the stricken beggars description. Air and water were impregnated with an intolerable stench of corpses. At Ahmedabad the death rate in the poorhouse was 10 per cent. Every day saw new patients placed face to face with corpses. In every fourth cot there was a corpse.

"The thermometer read 115 in the shade. Millions of flies hovered around the uncleaned dysentery patients. I visited the smallpox and cholera wards at Viragam. All the patients were lying on the ground, there being no cots. Otherwise their condition was fair.

"I can fully verify the reports that vultures, dogs and jackals are devouring the dead. Dogs have been seen running about with children's limbs in their jaws.

"The government is doing its best, but the native officials are hopelessly and heartlessly inefficient. Between the famine, the plague and the cholera the condition of Bombay Presidency is now worse than it has been at any previous period in the nineteenth century. Whole families have been blotted out. The spirit of the people is broken, and there may be something still worse to come when the monsoon breaks."

Senator Hale on Friday placed himself on record as a Boer sympathizer, and bitterly attacked the policy of England in the Transvaal Republic.

His speech was brought forth by a petition presented by Senator Perkins from the people of California setting forth the horrors of starvation in India, and asking that Congress make an appropriation to relieve the suffering.

Senator Hale twisted the Lion's tail pretty effectively. He declared that with millions of starving subjects in India, England was spending hundreds of millions to tear down republics while she calmly sat and watched the black horrors in the Orient and waited for other nations to feed her subjects. He made a sensational attack on the British policy of "Blood and not bread," and for a time staggered the Republicans in the Senate by his statements.

"The world is horrified at the conditions now prevailing in India," said Mr. Hale. "It is sickening, to say the least. Babies are starving at the mother's breast, and thousands of human beings are dragged into holes like dogs and buried after a living death. I know of nothing in history so pitiful as the present condition of natives in India, England's greatest colony.

WHAT IS DONE FOR THE STARVING?  
"And now the Senator from California comes into the United States Senate and asks us to appropriate large sums to feed these people. This is a good thing; it is human; it is Christian. But in the name of humanity and Christianity, what is Great Britain doing for her own starving millions?"

"She is spending hundreds of millions in breaking down and destroying republics, and has announced her policy—to wipe from the earth all vestige of the South African Republics. She can do this. She can expend one billion for bloodshed and carnage, but she cannot use \$100 for corn and wheat for her millions of starving subjects in India. Why should we do it, then? Blood and bread is her policy. Her actions today are the most brutal manifestations of strength and bullying ever heard of, and are a disgrace to the twentieth century civilization. I want to ask what England has done for her own subjects."

"It is strange how many pro Boer followers we have in the Senate, even on the Republican side," said Mr. Aldrich. "I am asking a plain, clearly put question," said Mr. Hale. "What has England done in the name of Christianity for her own people in India?"

The speech of Mr. Hale made a particularly strong impression, from the

fact that he is regarded as one of the most conservative Republicans in the Senate, and has always voted with the party.

### HUMMEL HANGED.

Brutal Murderer of His Wife and Her Children Pays the Penalty.

William Hummel was hanged in the jail yard at Williamsport, Tuesday morning. He displayed wonderful fortitude and walked unassisted to the gallows. After mounting the platform, Hummel made a long speech. He said he was sorry for his crime, and that he had made peace with his Maker. He warned the spectators against committing sins. He calmly directed the deputy sheriffs while they shackled his legs and arms. Sheriff Gamble sprung the trap. Hummel's neck was broken and he died instantly.

The crime for which William Hummel forfeited his life was the murder of his bride of a week, and her three little children.

After Hummel was convicted, he made a full confession, which he sold to a paper for \$50. He failed physically and his attendants feared he would die before the day of the hanging. Deputy sheriffs induced him to exercise in the corridors and he became an expert at athletic feats and gained in weight rapidly.

A fortnight ago he made a contract with George Bubb, manager of a local theatre, whereby the latter, for promising to provide a coffin and a burial lot, was to have the privilege of embalming the remains and exhibiting them in museums.

Hummel made a will at the last moment which gave control of his body to the secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. and the exhibition was avoided.

### THROUGH FIRE AND SMOKE.

Rushed the Husband to Save His Wife's Life.

The house of Henry Bush, in Bald Eagle valley, near Bellefonte, was discovered to be on fire last week. It was learned that Mrs. Bush was in her room in the second story. Mr. Bush, who is past 70 years of age, called on the crowd to rescue his wife, but none was brave enough to make the attempt. In a frenzy of despair the aged man tore loose from a dozen restraining hands, and with the cry "I'll save her or burn, too!" darted into the house to what seemed certain death.

Mrs. Bush was found unconscious on the floor of her room, but with almost superhuman strength the aged husband carried her down stairs and out to safety. In doing so both were terribly burned, though there is a chance for their recovery. In addition to his injuries, Mr. Bush loses all, as he had no insurance on the property.

### BECAME DESPONDENT.

Wm. P. Gates, aged 79 years, who lives with his parents at Rock Springs, this county, Saturday noon swallowed two bottles of laudanum. Dr. Houser was hurriedly summoned who took charge of the case and he will likely recover. The young man is the son of Wm. Gates, Sr. A brother, Robt. M. Gates, who was employed as a railroad worker on the Tyrone division, was killed on the 1st of June, 1893, while assisting in clearing up the Main circus wreck. Another brother, Roland Gates, was killed in the Harrisburg yard on the 18th of May last. It is said the shock occasioned by the death of Roland unbalanced the mind of William.

### Fingers Almost Amputated.

A little three-year-old daughter of N. B. Shaffer, a short distance east of Old Fort, nearly had two fingers cut off recently. The child was playing with another child, one of whom had a hatchet. The little girl was struck across the last two fingers of the left hand, nearly severing the fingers. Dr. Alexander placed the fingers in a splint and kept them there for ten days, and upon opening it was found that the fingers had grown fast again and are now almost healed.

### New Hardware Store.

Centre Hall is to have a new firm starting in business in a short time. Daniel Irwin's sons, of Bellefonte, composed of L. and E. P. Irwin, intend opening a large store in the foundry building, and will carry a big stock of hardware, including carriage and wagon-makers supplies.

### Aged Printer's Death.

John H. Winters died Saturday at his home in Muncy, aged 79 years. He was the oldest printer in this section of the state and was well-known in Lock Haven, Williamsport and other cities and towns. For forty consecutive years he was employed on the Muncy Luminary.

Why does the college year have its commencement at the end?

## GUNNING FOR HAMILTON

A Formal Demand Made for His Resignation

### THE FARMERS CENSURE HIM

For His Incapacity and Unfitness—Lost All Confidence in Him As Secretary of Agriculture—Could not Face His Accusers.

Representing the united farmers and the dairy interests of Pennsylvania, the delegates to the Pure Butter Convention, at Harrisburg, Monday, unanimously condemned the administration of Secretary of Agriculture John Hamilton, and demanded his resignation. They carried their demand direct to Governor Stone, who appointed and is responsible for Hamilton, but they received from the Governor very little encouragement to believe that the appeal will be complied with.

In fact, the Governor made it plain that he intends to stand by Hamilton as long as he can. He endeavored to shield the discredited Secretary by saying that the latter was not responsible for the non-enforcement of the pure butter law. Even when this specious plea was punctured by the spokesmen for the delegates, and they presented proof of Hamilton's guilty negligence, the Governor gave no intimation that he would respect the wishes of the farmers by substituting an honest and capable official for the present Secretary.

### MAY SMASH THE MACHINE.

The grangers and dairymen made it clear to the Governor that unless the Secretary and every other tainted and incompetent official is thrown out, and the pure butter law is honestly enforced, there will be a revolution among the farmers that will overturn Stone's administration and smash the machine behind it.

The meeting has demonstrated that the farmers of the State are aroused as never before, and propose to fight the oleo conspirators to a finish. The attendance at the convention represented every section of the State and every organization identified with the dairy interests.

In the afternoon the delegates met in conference with Governor Stone at the Executive Building. When the resolutions demanding Hamilton's resignation were presented to the Governor they were backed up by arguments in behalf of every interest affected by the pure butter law.

Master William F. Hill, of Crawford county, in behalf of the State Grange, voiced the demand of that organization for Hamilton's dismissal and the stamping out of the illegal oleomargarine traffic in the State. William G. Embree, of Chester county, spoke for the farmers at large; Joseph C. Sharpless, of Delaware county, for the creamerymen; J. T. Alifan, secretary of the State Grange, of Juniata county, for the consumers, and B. L. Kimball, of Philadelphia, for the pure butter dealers. President C. P. Fawcett, of the Pure Butter Protective Association; Secretary Isaac Cleaver and Attorney Luther S. Kauffman also made addresses.

### THEIR ARGUMENT CONVINCING.

In earnest and convincing argument the speakers laid before the Governor the appeal of the farmers and pure butter men for the protection of their interests. They called to his attention the flagrant violations of the law and the negligence, or worse, of Hamilton and his subordinates in permitting the illegal traffic to continue. Hamilton's personal responsibility was clearly pointed out, and every speaker declared in effect that until Hamilton shall be ousted no atonement can be made by the Administration for the guiltiness of the department in encouraging and shielding oleo law-breakers.

Secretary Hamilton was not at the meetings of the delegates or the conference with the Governor. He left Harrisburg to escape the flood of condemnation that was heaped upon his official head and methods.

The resolutions adopted fully set forth wherein Secretary Hamilton is at fault and not worthy of confidence, shows incapacity and unfitness, and can not be trusted, and therefore demand his resignation. Space would not permit to give these in full.

These resolutions fully confirm our former views of John Hamilton and our criticism never was a bit too severe. We think he is a willing tool for any political faction, for whom he will recant, sacrifice all principle so long as his selfish ambitions may be promoted.

### Big School of Carp.

A school of German carp, many of them in large size, were seen in the river near the Bickford saw mill at Lock Haven Saturday afternoon. There were hundreds of the big fish, some of them apparently being large enough to weigh eighteen pounds.

### FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

#### The Organ Man's Side.

I reada da piece in da rape:  
You no like the hand organ man,  
No wanta him comin, around  
To make da musics gran?  
I make da musics fine,  
I come from greata da it.  
You know all abouta da biz:  
You greata musicians; ait!

You tink I gotta da cheek;  
You do notta have to give.  
I plays ta getta da mon;  
Da Diagona hava ta live.  
I plays da organ all da day,  
Right under your winds, you bet;  
You come say "Getta away,"  
I ticks you with a stillet'!

Letters of credit—O. K.  
All on the square—the city block.  
A pitched battle—the ball contest.  
Not always a high liver—the balloonist.

The lovers' stronghold—a good hammock.  
The contortionist in the show takes a double part.  
Not an air-gun, but a wind revolver—the electric fan.

A quilting bee ought to put neighbors on pieceable terms.  
Some barbers are ungrateful enough to cut their best friends and then rub it in.

Marriage is often a failure in which the man signs everything over to his wife.  
As the fellow said when he rubbed in the glycerine: "Good for you, old chap."

If one hundred scents always made a dollar the farmer would get rich on onions.  
Why does a man always look at the face of a bride, and a woman at her clothes?

Even a temperance advocate may "drink himself to death" if he falls in the river.  
The war tax on cigars may end in smoke, but the tax on whiskey will be kept still.

When two people sleeping together both have the nightmare, there's a skittish team.  
Charity covereth a multitude of sins, but even charity doesn't excuse some bathing suits.

The hired girl who never stays in a place seems to prefer getting her positions in job lots.  
One swallow doesn't make a summer, but two or three (of whiskey) has been known to make a fall.

### BOERS WILL BE WELCOME.

Heartily approval is given all over the country to the idea of giving the Boers every possible encouragement to make another "great trek" and come to this country, where so many men of all races have in times past found a haven of refuge in their flight from oppression.

The joint resolution of Congress introduced in the House on Saturday by Representative Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, would if adopted give a perfectly proper expression to the evidently general feeling in favor of welcoming the South African patriots to new homes in such parts of our unoccupied national domain as they might be inclined to settle upon. They are men of the same sturdy, rugged type who planted the first New England colonies. They have shown the highest qualities of manhood, the noblest virtues of citizenship. They have loved their country with utmost devotion, and in the unequal fight with Britain for their liberty and independence they have proved themselves "faithful even unto death."

There are over 5,550,000,000 acres of unoccupied land in the United States from which the Boers could easily select for settlement land that with one-half the effort they have expended on South Africa's hard soil would produce a hundredfold better results.

### THE BOXERS.

The "Boxers" in China, the great secret political organization that is on the warpath to destroy foreign influence and progress in the empire, if it continues in its lawless and barbarous methods, in all probability will bring about the very result it aims to counteract. The murder of Chinese Christians and the danger to the missionaries and teachers will induce all the foreign governments to send war ships and troops to defend them. The empress dowager is believed to be in sympathy with the "Boxers," although the latter have defeated the government troops and destroyed railway property, and are reported to be marching on Peking. Anarchy is said to prevail in many provinces, and with such effective foreign interference as appears probable the reconstruction and division of the Chinese empire is one of the certainties of the not distant future.

Why isn't the relict of a man who dies of hay-fever a grass widow?