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DEM. COUNTY COMMITTEE, 1903.

Table with columns: Districts, Chairmen, Postoffice. Lists names for various districts like Bellefonte, Centre Hall, etc.

EDITORIAL.

DEMOCRATS can read over the new rules for the republicans of Centre county and see where our own party could make some necessary changes.

It is said that Col. Ed. Chambers smiles with approval to hear his name mentioned in connection with the judgeship contest next year. So they say.

Philadelphia burned 1300 slot machines on Tuesday. Similar devices were driven out of Bellefonte and their existence in Snow Shoe and Philipsburg has been reported to the proper authorities, who seem slow to act.

GOV. PENNYPACKER called Nelson, the cartoonist, a "hired outcast" and then to avoid prosecution made an apology saying that he was unconscious of making such a reference. The general opinion is that Sammy simply lied a bit.

AFTER years of political conspiracies and petty personal revenge towards prominent republicans in Centre county, Judge Love now very appropriately desires harmony next year, as he expects to be a candidate for re-election. For his sake everybody should be good.

How many delegates to the Republican State Convention will allow themselves to be muzzled by the Quay-Pennypacker powers when the Press muzzler is brought before that body? Where will the Centre county delegates stand, muzzled or for the liberty of the Press?

GOVERNOR PENNYPACKER is catching hell Columbia from newspapers all over the state, and outside the state, for his signing the libel bill, and his silly and childish apology for his signature. He has been scored with the most stinging severity, now let him try the new libel law on the press, whose constitutional liberties he meant to wipe out.

THE newspapers of Schuylkill county are announcing thus early that they will oppose the re-election of all members of the Legislature who voted for the press-muzzler. This affects one senator and three or four members of the house. This the newspapers of all parties in the state, should do, if they cherish the great principle of "free press" freedom to denounce rascalities as well as the rascals.

INSURANCE Commissioner Durham having been appointed for another term in his office is preparing to go to Europe, where he will spend the summer. It is said that during the three years he has held the office of insurance commissioner he has not devoted 30 days, all told, to his official duties. Deputies and clerks transact the business. This Durham is one of the infamous machine gang in Philadelphia, who did all in his power to have the "press-muzzler" passed. Of course, he don't want any newspaper to say even as much as is given above.

PRIMARY ELECTION.

Democratic Primary Election and County Convention.

The democratic voters of Centre county will meet at the regular places for holding the general elections, in their respective election districts, on Saturday, May 30, 1903, to elect delegates to the county convention.

Under the rules of the party the election will be opened at 3 p. m., and close at 7 p. m. The delegates chosen at the above stated time will meet in the court house, in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, June 2nd, 1903, at 12 o'clock, noon, to nominate one candidate for Jury Commissioner, one candidate for County Surveyor; elect four delegates to the state convention to be held in Harrisburg, and a chairman of the county committee, to serve from January 1st, 1904, to January 1st, 1905; and to transact such other business as may appear before the convention in the interest of the party.

APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES. The number of delegates to which each election district is entitled, as approved and ratified by the democratic county committee on the 15th day of January, 1903, is as follows:

Table showing the following is the Election District, Votes for Gov., and No. of Delegates. Lists districts like Bellefonte, Centre Hall, etc.

Candidates to be Voted For. Bellefonte, Pa., May 12th, 1903. I hereby certify that in accordance with Rule 17, of the democratic party of Centre county, requiring the registration of all candidates at least three weeks prior to the primary election, the following named persons have duly registered and are eligible to be voted for at the primaries.

For Jury Commissioner, FREDERICK ROBB, of Curtis Twp. Chairman. CYRUS BRUNGART, Chairman.

THE THIRD TERM TALK.

A poll of the Democratic National committee, of which Senator Jones, of Arkansas, is chairman, has been made by a Chicago paper on the Cleveland boom, or alleged boom. Of the twenty-eight National committeemen who responded, out of about fifty who were consulted, only three expressed themselves in favor of Mr. Cleveland's nomination. Twenty-five committeemen expressed themselves strongly against such a nomination or were non committal. The sentiment elicited from the members of the National committee fairly represents the judgment of the party. It is not probable that it can be materially modified or changed within the next year.

Mr. Cleveland's name may as well be eliminated from the list of possible or probable Democratic candidates. The booming of his name appears to come more from Republicans than any other source. They want an easy mark.

DEMOCRATS who are jumping all over Pennypacker, Quay, Penrose, and the machine for the Press-Muzzling law, should be honest. They certainly know that our present Democratic State Chairman, James K. Polk Hall, when this measure was up in the senate for final passage, sat in his chair as dumb as a clam, never spoke when the roll was called, would not oppose the measure, practically assented in silence. It has been hinted that he was too frequently seen in company with Penrose at that time, to act otherwise. These are facts that are not palatable to honest Democrats. Such leadership does not inspire confidence.

THE Governor of the Commonwealth has irritated the miners of the anthracite region by refusing to approve three of the bills which were introduced at their request and in the passage of which they were specially interested. What the returns from the mining districts may reveal of the temper of the voters at the coming election will be another story. The miners are getting their eyes open to the fact that the machine bosses have been pulling the wool over their eyes.

THE charge repeatedly made by the democrats, that the trusts were monopolizing everything to the detriment and injury of the masses, was hooted at and denied by the party of trust builders. Now since the outcry against these monsters has brought several trusts into the courts and to finding them guilty, the people can see that the democrats were telling the truth.

THE republican resolutions, adopted at their convention on Tuesday, are silent as the grave on the trust inquiry, quiet on the stab at the liberty of the press, silent over the newly exposed post office frauds—silent, in short, on all the abominations of the gang. A heroic set!

POUNDING PENNYPACKER.

If a public man ever dropped in the estimation of the people, Gov. Pennypacker is the man. His act of signing the new libel law, designed to muzzle the newspapers of this state, aroused such a storm of protest that it has attracted attention from Maine to California and called forth a flood of criticism that is withering and humiliating. Never was an official act so universally condemned.

It was conceived in infamy, to shield a set of political scoundrels, and put into force by a shameless, insolent opportunist, the creature of Pennsylvania's political crooks. Gov. Pennypacker by this act has become a laughing stock and the subject for ridicule. His name arouses pity and contempt. The State Press is defiantly breaking the law in every possible respect—they can not be curbed or restrained. The Press will be free because the constitution guarantees this right, and the publishers invite the gang to make a test of the law.

One thing Pennypacker has won, and that is fame, for being the smallest of all the long line of men who have been called to preside over this Great Commonwealth.

His silly, absurd apology for signing this new libel bill, because he was cartooned and criticised, shows him to be too thin skinned to be in public life, will long be remembered as one of the most ridiculous state papers ever penned by a public official. He has brought disgrace upon the Keystone State. All this is to the credit of Quay, Penrose and the men who support such things by their votes. After all the people are reaping what they have sown.

RECENT DEATHS.

I. NEWTON GIBSON:—a former resident of this place, died at his home in Lewisburg, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Death was due to lock jaw brought on by a fall. The deceased was 42 years of age and some years ago was a baggage master on the Lewisburg branch. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Barbara M. Gibson and one sister, Margaret.

DAVID KLEPPER:—who left Bellefonte eighteen years ago and went to Philadelphia, was struck by a piece of timber and sustained injuries from which he died the following day. Mr. Klepper was aged 42 years and leaves to survive a wife and one child. He was a son of David Klepper, a native of Aaronsburg who died about a year ago.

SARAH ELIZABETH GRAHAM:—wife of Meshic Graham, died at her home on East High street, Friday afternoon. Death was due to a complication of diseases. The deceased was born in Bellefonte and was 63 years of age. Ever since her childhood she has been a conscientious member of the A. M. E. church. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. George W. Freeman and George Graham, of Bellefonte; Melissa Graham and Mrs. John H. Riley, of Newark, N. J.

MRS. MARGARET ALEXANDER:—widow of the late Cyrus T. Alexander, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harvey S. Yarrington, at Richmond, Virginia, Tuesday evening, May 19, from the effects of an attack of pneumonia in early spring. Her maiden name was Margaret Potter and she was born near Boalsburg, Centre county, May 8, 1837. Her grandfather, Pergus Potter was one of the early settlers of Penns Valley and came to this country from Ireland. Her father was Samuel Potter, in his time a prominent business man of Bellefonte. In October 1858 she was married to Mr. Alexander. Her husband died several years ago. Her only son, James Alexander a young attorney at the bar of this county, died only a few years ago. She is survived by two brothers and one sister, namely, William, of Pleasant Gap; James W., of Foreston, Ill.; Mrs. Donald McBride, of Oklahoma. The remains will arrive in Bellefonte this Thursday morning and the funeral will be from the Presbyterian church. Interment in the Union cemetery.

POSTOFFICE SCANDAL.

The investigations of the Postoffice Department continue to unearth numerous instances of violated law and loose administrative methods, although the Postmaster General is doing everything in his power to belittle the discoveries made and keep them from the public, priding himself on the extent to which he has been able to keep the facts from the press and the people. It is known, for instance, that circulars were sent to all carriers on rural routes requesting them to forward to the free delivery division the names and addresses of persons residing on their routes and it is believed that the lists of such names were sold to "get-rich-quick" concerns, mail order houses and others for a generous sum. The Department itself had no use for the names. A recent discovery is to the effect that a large number of physicians have been carried on the rolls as clerks in various postoffices, the nominal duties of these doctors being to ascertain if men who claimed disability to work on account of sickness were actually ill or were shamming. There is no appropriation in the law for doctors for the postoffice department and the practice will be discontinued.

Political conventions are tame this season.

REPUBLICAN CO. CONVENTION

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Executive Committee shall have the power and authority to name a candidate to fill such vacancy and certify the same in the manner required by law.

The election of Delegates to represent the different districts in the Republican County Convention shall be held at the usual places for holding general elections at such time as may be designated by the County Chairman, and shall be previously announced in the Republican newspapers of the County for at least four weeks by the Chairman, said election to be held between the hours of two and nine P. M. of said day, the polls to be opened in the respective districts during the hours indicated in the announcement.

Each election district in the County shall be entitled to one delegate for every forty Republican votes, or a fractional part thereof over twenty polled in said district at the last preceding presidential election, provided that each district shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

The County Convention shall meet in Bellefonte on Tuesday after the election of delegates, at eleven o'clock A. M., and be composed of delegates elected from the election districts of the County.

Said Delegate Election shall be held by an Election Board to consist of the three first named members of the Vigilance Committee of each district. In case any person so designated shall be absent from the place of holding the election for thirty minutes after the time appointed by Rule 5 for the opening of the same, his or their places shall be filled by an election to be conducted *in vivo* by the Republican voters present at the time.

Every qualified voter of the district who will, on oath, pledge his word and honor to support and vote for the Republican ticket at the next general election shall be permitted to vote at said primary election.

The voting at all delegate elections shall be by printed ballots furnished by the County Chairman to the members of the County Committee for each district, upon which ballots shall be written or printed the names of the delegates voted for, together with any instructions which the voter may desire to give the delegate, which ballot shall be received from the person voting by a member of the Election Board and by him deposited in a box provided for that purpose, to which box no person except the members of the Election Board shall have access, and they not to open same until the polls shall have been closed.

Each election board shall be sworn of affirmed as required by law, and shall keep an accurate list of the names of all persons voting at such elections, which list of voters, together with a full and complete return of such election, containing an accurate statement of the persons elected delegates and all instructions voted, shall be certified by said Board to the County Chairman upon printed blanks to be furnished by the County Chairman.

No instructions shall be recognized unless the same be voted upon the ballot as provided by Rule 10, nor shall such instructions if voted upon the ballot be binding upon the delegates unless one-half or more of the ballots voted shall contain instructions concerning the same office. When half or more of the ballots shall contain instructions concerning any office, the delegate elected at such election shall be held to be instructed to support the candidate having the highest number of votes for such office for first choice, and the next highest for second choice, and there shall be no further instructions for said office. In cases where there are two persons to be nominated for any office, as in the case of County Commissioners or Assemblers, the delegate, in case one-half or more of the ballots contain instructions concerning said office or offices, shall be held to be instructed for the two persons having the highest number of votes for such office for first choice, and the persons having the next highest for second choice, and there shall be no further instructions; and in such cases, the candidate first receiving the votes of a majority of the delegates in the Convention, shall be thereupon declared nominated.

All persons seeking nomination shall register their names with the Chairman, and shall pay him a registration fee at the same time; this registration to be made not less than fifteen days preceding the primary election, and all candidates seeking nomination shall make a formal announcement of their candidacy in one or more Republican newspapers of the County not less than fifteen days before the primary. The Chairman shall publish and furnish to the Chairman of the Vigilance Committees with the election blanks a certified list of candidates who have complied with the rules, and no candidate shall be voted for in the Convention unless he has complied with the rules regulating announcement and registration.

PROVIDED, that this Rule shall not apply to candidates for Chairman of County Committee, Delegates and Alternates to State Conventions or Senatorial or Congressional Conferences.

The registration fee for candidates shall be as follows: Congress, \$25.00; State Senate, \$15.00; Assembly, \$10.00; President Judge, \$40.00; Prothonotary, Sheriff, Register & Recorder, Treasurer, \$30.00; County Commissioner & District Attorney, each, \$50.00; Jury Commissioner, Auditor and County Surveyor, each, \$50.00.

Whenever from any district five or more qualified Republican voters shall complain, in writing, of an undue election or false return of delegate, or of instructions in which complaints the alleged facts are specifically set forth and verified by the affidavit of one or more Republican voter of the district, such complainants shall have the right to contest the seat of such delegate or the validity of such instructions. Such complaint shall be heard by a committee of five delegates to be appointed by the President of the Convention, which said committee shall proceed to hear the parties, their proofs and allegations, and as soon as may be, report to the Convention what delegates are entitled to a seat therein and what instructions are binding on said delegates; whereupon the Convention shall proceed immediately upon the call of the yeas and nays, to adopt or reject the report of the committee, in which call for the yeas and nays the name of the delegate whose seat is contested or whose instructions are disputed, shall be omitted. This rule is not to prevent the Convention or the Committee on Credentials, from ascertaining without formal complaint, whether such election has been

COUNCIL MEETING.

The nuisance committee reported the McBride corner in a bad condition, also that sewers were needed on Thomas street; residents in that section will be required to be more careful of wash water.

The question of securing power for the water works came up. The propositions were Col. Reynolds mill, Cridders mill, the Milesburg power, McBrides Gap stream. Some would have sufficient power to operate dynamos for street lighting and individual motors. Nothing definite was reached, and the special committee on improvement of water works will investigate further and report at next meeting.

The coal supply question came up again and caused the usual flurry with no definite action, until two weeks later. There seems to be a great deal of friction on this point.

The street committee was advised to secure bids for the perch for the erection of a stone wall along creek to the C. R. R. of Pa. station.

A motion for a new trial in the street paving case will be argued June 2nd. The usual bills were approved.

That it is easier to re-cover an umbrella when it is worn out than to re-cover it after it is loaned.

Bronchitis advertisement. "I have kept Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my house for a great many years. It is the best medicine in the world for coughs and colds." J. C. Williams, Attica, N. Y.

The gratification of a husband's idleness in receiving and opening his wife's letters, against her protest, will no longer be afforded. This is the command which has gone out from the Post-office Department. As a result of repeated requests by postmasters throughout the country for a ruling on this matter, this action has been taken, the ruling is as follows: "A husband has no right to receive the mail addressed to his wife against her wishes. As to the mail addressed to the children the father has the prior right to receive it unless there be some particular circumstances in the case which the department might take into consideration on a statement of the facts."

THAT was a patriotic theme chosen by Rev. Dr. Robert Morris Kemp when addressing the Daughters of the Revolution in convention assembled in New York. He denied that patriotic societies have any reason to seek to establish in this Nation an aristocracy of birth, and far less have they reason to condone that aristocracy of wealth which is showing its hideous mien.

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