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DEMOCRAT CONVENTION

Met in the Court House on Tuesday, June 2nd.

POLITICAL COURT CENSURED.

Little Business to Transact and no Contest for Nominations—Ringing Resolutions and Lively Speeches—Party is Overwhelmingly Alive.

The Democracy of Centre county held forth on Tuesday, by assembling in the Court House, to hold the annual County Convention. It is seldom that such an organization is called together when there is so little work for them to consider. This year there was but one name to put on the county ticket and that was for an office that is rarely sought after, Jury Commissioner. In this case there was but one candidate who, according to precedent, was accorded the customary renomination.

The democratic primaries were held last Saturday and in a few instances, only the election boards attended as most people, at that time, were participating in the Memorial Day exercises.

At a few minutes past 12 noon the convention was called to order by County Chairman, Cyrus Brungart. To the surprise of all, the gentleman, in his opening remarks, captured the audience and demonstrated that he was at home as a speech maker. He congratulated the convention upon representing a live party, that would be overwhelmingly alive this fall and was an organization of which no one need be ashamed of its principles or its candidates—was free of bosses and muzzled officials.

L. A. Schaffer, the secretary, then read the call for the convention, also the roll of delegates; several districts were not represented.

The convention was then organized as follows: Chairman—W. Miles Walker, Bellefonte. Roll Clerk—H. D. Rumberger, Philipsburg. Secretaries—Geo. R. Meek and Chas. R. Kurtz, of Bellefonte.

Tellers—John A. Williams, Worth, and John G. Dauberman, Centre Hall. There being no contest on hand the committee on credentials was omitted, by the chair.

Committee on Resolutions—George L. Goodhart, of Potter; E. G. Jones, of Philipsburg; Amos Garbrick, of Spring; R. E. Stoyer, of Haines; R. F. Emerick, of Walker.

The chair then announced that nominations for Jury Commissioner would be received. Frederick Robb, of Liberty township, was renominated by acclamation.

For County Surveyor, some question arose as to whether that office should be filled this year, and there was a difference of opinion. In order to meet an emergency it was deemed advisable to name a candidate and J. H. Wetzel, of Bellefonte, was nominated by acclamation.

The following delegates to the State Convention were chosen by motion: Jos. Peters, of Philipsburg; James Swabb, of Harris; John A. Williams, of Worth, and Wm. J. Carlin, of Miles.

Captain H. T. Taylor was chosen chairman of the Democratic County Convention for the year 1904.

The committee on resolutions being still in consultation chairman Walker glanced to his left where Col. J. L. Spangler, Senator W. C. Heinle and Col. D. F. Fortney were sitting and remarked that a speech would be in order. Col. Spangler was called and displayed his old-time humor and vigor in addressing the convention. He had them frequently convulsed in laughter or raised to outbursts of applause. When he declared that if what leading republican papers and prominent republican leaders had said in recent years regarding Centre county's courts, that it was time that we had an impartial, clean, non-political judge on the bench. Approval came with an outburst of applause. He said further, it would be the duty of this party next year to select and name a man capable and honest—one who would preside with dignity becoming the high office—and by his daily life command the confidence of litigants, and as well the respect of the community. He predicted such a man, if named, would be elected. He gave some illustrations of the great political evils in our state and predicted that a change would follow, public sentiment was forming that way.

Senator Heinle made a strong address in which he illustrated the apparent lack of insincerity among the people of this state, which permitted the gross evils among our officials and legislators.

Geo. L. Goodhart, chairman of the committee on resolutions, then read the following which was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS:

The Democracy of Centre county in convention assembled declare:

1. Their firm faith in the freedom of speech and of the press. "The free communication of thought and opinion is one of the invaluable rights of man," and every citizen should, as provided in the Constitution of our State "freely speak, write and print on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty." We therefore emphatically condemn the passage of the Salsus-Grady libel bill by the last Legislature, and the signing of the same by Gov. Pennypacker, as an effort to restrict, hamper and cripple the liberty of the press. We would record both our contempt and condemnation for those so-called democrats who aided the republican machine to pass this measure, known to them to be at once a blow at the freedom of the press, tyrannical and oppressive, an aid to cover the crime of those who would steal the rights and franchises of our great municipalities under cover of law and a protection to the rotten and corrupt political machine that has so long robbed and disgraced our great Commonwealth.

2. We are, in defense of common honesty, bound to condemn the last Legislature for passing and the Governor for approving laws creating many more offices and office holders than is necessary to the efficient and economical administration of the State government, and the undue and unreasonable increase in the salaries of many of the offices heretofore existing, adding undue burdens upon an already over taxed people, as well as for its failure to fulfill the solemn pledges of the republican party to give to the State personal registration and ballot reform.

3. The democratic party is now, as it has always been, in favor of laws that will protect the life and limb, and add to the peace, happiness and prosperity of those who labor in our mines and factories of every description, we therefore condemn Gov. Pennypacker for vetoing the bills passed by the last Legislature in the interest of labor. We declare that the vetoing of these bills was but the end of a scheme and a purpose on the part of the republican party, not to grant to the workers in the mines the relief they demanded and had been promised, and affirm that relief for all classes of labor from its burdens and wrongs can only be brought about by the success of the democratic party.

4. The nomination of Hon. W. P. Snyder for Auditor General of the Commonwealth by the late republican convention is an open and bold approval of the iniquitous Salsus-Grady libel bill, and a challenge to the integrity and courage of the press of the State. We therefore call upon all citizens irrespective of party who love liberty and believe in the freedom of the press as guaranteed to us by the constitution of the State, to join us in waging a determined campaign for his defeat.

5. It is with pleasure that we endorse the course pursued by our representatives, Hons. J. H. Wetzel and J. W. Kepler, during the late session of the Legislature. It is a gratification to be represented by men, whose record is clean, and who, amidst the corruption so prevalent, came home with their honor preserved and their integrity unimpaired.

6. We pledge ourselves to the earnest and united support of the ticket this day nominated, and we call upon our State convention yet to be held to give us clean, strong, able and pure men—men untroubled with libel bills and unshattered by corruption or adherence to and affiliation with the ring that festers in every part of our State government—for Auditor General, State Treasurer, and Judges to the Superior Court, pledging the Democracy of Centre county, if it shall so do to the hearty support of the ticket it shall present.

The convention having transacted all business, adjournment followed. The following is the

LIST OF DELEGATES:

Bellefonte Boro. North Ward.—Geo. A. Beeser, W. Miles Walker, John J. Bower.
South Ward.—D. F. Fortney, H. J. Walkey, J. M. Keichlin, W. A. B. Miller.
West Ward.—S. A. McQuestion.
Centre Hall Boro.—J. G. Dauberman, Wm. McClanahan.
Howard Boro.—Abram Weber.

Milesburg Boro.—E. W. Grage.
Millheim Boro.—F. P. Musser, Samuel Welsch, Ezra Amman.

Philipsburg Boro. 1st Ward.—H. B. Lingie.
2nd Ward.—J. C. Johnston, Jos. Peters, Jacob Swires.

3d.—H. D. Rumberger, E. G. Jones.
S. Philipsburg Boro.—Joseph Gates.
State College Boro.—J. C. Sowers, J. B. Shuman.

Unionville Boro.—Dr. W. U. Irwin.
Benner Twp. N. P.—H. C. Huey.
" " S. P.—J. F. Hoy.

Boggs Twp. N. P.—Ira P. Confer.
" " E. P.—G. H. Leyman.
" " W. P.—John F. Potter.

Burnside Twp.—Wm. A. Collins, W. E. Grove.
Curtin Twp.—

Ferguson Twp. E. P.—A. G. Arthey, W. M. Krebs, J. W. Fye.
Ferguson Twp. W. P.—

Gregg Twp. N. P.—Henry Zeigler, Emanuel Ungard.
Gregg Twp. E. P.—Harvey Vonada.
" " W. P.—John A. Hoosterman, W. H. Smith, John Smith.

Haines Twp. E. P.—
" " W. P.—R. E. Stover, F. W. Keister.
Half Moon Twp.—

Harris Twp.—John A. Rupp, James Swab.
Howard Twp.—

Huston Twp.—R. D. Ardey.
Liberty Twp.—J. A. Bittner.
Marion Twp.—Wm. Bridge.

Miles Twp. E. P.—
" " M. P.—W. J. Carlin, L. B. Frank.
A. L. Nearhood.
Miles Twp. W. P.—J. B. Hazel.

Patton Twp.—
Penn Twp.—
Potter Twp. N. P.—D. W. Bradford, Michael Schaeffer.

Potter Twp. S. P.—G. L. Goodhart, J. M. Carson.
Potter Twp. W. P.—H. E. Fleisher, J. B. Lee.
Rush Twp. N. P.—

" " S. P.—Fred Penney.
Snow Shoe Twp. E. P.—
" " W. P.—J. T. Lucas.
Spring Twp. N. P.—J. H. Neese, J. S. Hazel.
" " S. P.—Clayton Gettig, Jerry Donavan.

Spring Twp. W. P.—Amos Garbrick.
Taylor Twp.—J. T. Merryman.
Union Twp.—B. Alexander.
Walker Twp. E. P.—R. F. Emerick.
" " M. P.—J. L. Walkey, Wm. H. Emerick.

Walker Twp. W. P.—C. N. Fisher, L. H. McMullen.
Worth Twp.—John A. Williams.
*Indicates that the gentleman acting as a delegate was a substitute.

COAL STRIKE IS POSSIBLE

The Anthracite Miners are Determined to Quit Work

OPERATORS REMAIN SILENT

They Refuse to Recognize District Presidents—Miners Convention in Session at Wilkesbarre Deliberate—The Situation is Serious

Again the clouds of industrial strife come to darken the horizon of the anthracite region, and another strike of mine workers is imminent if the decision of the three district executive boards, in session at Wilkesbarre, Pa., is any omen.

The board endorsed the selection of their three district presidents on the Board of Conciliation, and if these members are not recognized by the operators they will consider the calling of a convention of mine workers to declare a general suspension of work until their members are given recognition.

OUTSPOKEN IN VIEWS.

The members were emphatic in their denunciation of the attitude of the operators in refusing to accept the credentials of Presidents Nicholls, Detrey and Fahy as the representatives of the miners on the Board of Conciliation. One and all declared that a suspension of work is bound to come at all of the collieries in the anthracite region unless the operators recede from their present position and work harmoniously and in accord with the miners for a settlement of the grievances now pending.

They claim that wages are being reduced and hours lengthened; that the men are in many cases working extra time without compensation, and there is general dissatisfaction throughout the entire region. They desire to eliminate this and the only way they find practicable and possible is through the decision of the Conciliation Board. When this avenue is closed they say there is no hope. They intend to force issues and allow the people to observe the alleged arbitrary methods of the operators.

President Nicholls said that the miners had made all sorts of concessions. "We want peace," he continued, "and it is too bad that we have to resort to extremes in order to get what was justly awarded us."

When pressed for an answer in regard to the probabilities of a strike, he said the statement given out speaks for itself. Other members of the board said the delegate convention would decide whether or not a strike should be ordered. That is the ultimate purpose of the action.

Two questions are under consideration. One is to make application to the national president to issue an order for a general suspension of work throughout the whole anthracite region to continue until the operators agree to adjust existing grievances and live up to the award of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission. The second is that a delegate convention be called to consider the advisability of taking the above action.

Short Line to Harrisburg.

A new cut off freight line will connect the Northern Central and Penn'a railroads and will be used to carry Northern freight to the new Enola yards near Harrisburg. The new road, which will be known as the Northern Central Connecting Railroad, was chartered at the State Department on May 12, is to be 35 miles long, extending through Northumberland, Snyder, Juniata and Perry counties. The line runs from the Northern Central at Selingsgrove Junction, across the Susquehanna river, and upon what is known as the Lower West Branch Division of the Penn'a Canal, long since abandoned, to the main line of the Penn'a R. R. at the Aqueduct Station, Perry county, where the Juniata River will have to be bridged. Trains over this line will have straight connection with the Enola yards over the main line. The capital of the new company is \$350,000 divided into 7000 shares, of which A. J. Cassatt, president of the Northern Central Railway company holds 6961 shares and officials of the Pennsylvania and Northern Central Companies the 39 shares.

A Sure Thing.

The question as to where the next session of the Centre county teachers' institute will be held, which has created considerable discussion of late, has finally been settled, and we are pleased to state Philipsburg will positively be selected. County Superintendent Gramley, who is a visitor to town to day, said to us at noon that we could announce in our columns this fact. From Saturday's Philipsburg Ledger.

The above is hardly a news item as it is practically a year old; ever since the last County Supt. was elected, it was common rumor that the institute was to go there, being a deal for support.

WHY THE JEW IS PERSECUTED.

Religious fanaticism may be one of the causes of persecution of Jews in Russia, but it is not the radical cause of that hostility to the Hebrew race which has been the shame of Europe for many centuries. The Russian Ambassador has offended the Jews deeply in his statement that they are hated by Russian peasants because they are money-lenders, but there is a glimmering of the truth in Count Cassini's words.

The laws excluding Jews from the professions and restricting their right to own land are Russia's tributes to the superiority of the Jewish brain. Similar tributes have been paid to the capacity of the Jews by almost every nation in Europe at one time or another.

The Romans persecuted him before they knew what a Christian was, and since their day religious persecution has been a cloak for jealousy of the Jew's success as a gatherer of wealth. Races which cannot compete with the Jews in business, because of his greater cleverness, always have excluded him from as many fields of activity as possible, and when the handicap has proved ineffective they have wreaked their wrath in violence and courage.

No doubt the ignorant peasants of Southern Russia have been encouraged to believe all manner of monstrous fables about the religious practices of the Jews, and have been incited to fanatical rage against them, but underlying all the anti-Semitism of Europe is the confessed inability to compete with the Jew on even terms in anything above mere manual toil.

If the Jew is not an agriculturist to any considerable extent, it is because he was excluded from owning or cultivating land when agriculture was almost the sole occupation of European peoples. He was forced to work with his brain instead of his hands, and he developed a better brain, devised new methods of acquiring wealth, and made himself the financial master of the nations which sought to degrade and shackle him.

Comprising but one per cent. of the population of Germany, for example, the Jews control 75 per cent. of its commerce, and hold nearly the same proportion of the foremost places in the learned professions in science and in art. The German anti-Semites frankly state these facts as reasons for their agitation against the Jews, and Count Cassini's explanation of Russian animosity to the race points the same way—N. American.

Valued His Thirst at \$5,000.

George W. Overshiner, a farmer of Indianapolis, has dismissed his suit against his sister, Mrs. Laura Hosier, for \$5,000 damages, because she gave him a remedy to cure him of the liquor habit. In the complaint, filed last fall, it was alleged that the defendant had administered to the plaintiff a chemical preparation in his coffee, and it was done without his knowledge or consent. He did lose his taste for liquor, but did not suffer serious consequences.

This suit should have been pressed to a finish. If he would have won, think what some of our booze artists in Bellefonte would be worth! They could bank on their appetites for the next year.

Undertaker For Live Woman.

Mrs. James Waters, of Lewisburg, who has been suffering from heart trouble for several weeks, became unconscious early Friday, and apparently ceased to breathe. Her husband and two women made a vain effort to revive her, and an undertaker was sent for. In preparing the body for the embalming process one of the women raised Mrs. Water's arms, at the same time observing that she breathed. This means of respiration was continued until the woman regained consciousness.

Bible Justifies It.

The editor of a neighboring exchange says that one of his subscribers looked through the Bible to find scripture to justify him in using tobacco and found but one passage. It is found in the last chapter of Revelation and is the second sentence of the eleventh verse.

Odd Fellows Make Gains.

Figures presented at the annual state convention of the Odd Fellows at Lebanon show that the order increased in membership from 115,000 to 121,000 during the last year. The association meets at Montoursville next year.

Criminal Offense.

It is stated here, for the benefit of the public, that giving false information to a newspaper is punishable to a very great degree. It is a penitentiary offense and one who does it is liable to a sentence of two years.

Howard Laird, a prominent citizen of Petersburg, was struck by a locomotive on the Pennsylvania railroad, at the western end of Huntingdon, about 6:45 o'clock Monday morning and instantly killed.

NEW PUMPING STATION

Boro Council Leases Reynold's Water Power and Engine.

CHEAPER POWER SECURED

A Large Reduction in Expenses Promised—The Coal Contract Awarded After Much Delay and Contention—Creek Wall to be Built.

The following notes give the important business transacted:

A sewer will be built about the spring to carry away surface drainage that is considered dangerous.

A skilled mason will be hired by the day to superintend the building of a wall along Spring Creek to the Central R. R. station. He to hire his own man. The work to be under the supervision of the street committee.

The following persons furnished bids to supply the water works with coal: James A. McClain, Spangler, Pa.; R. B. Taylor, J. L. Montgomery and G. C. Irish. The bid of Mr. Montgomery, at \$2.05 per ton, being the lowest, was accepted.

A free license was granted the Undine boys for the street carnival. The Y. M. C. A. was exonerated from taxes.

Burgess Walker turned in \$26.50 as fines collected and licenses granted for the month of May.

The matter of water power was then taken up. The Milesburg and Crider's water powers are not to be had at present. So the proposition of Col. Reynolds was then taken up. It is as follows:

First—The property offered consists of water power and everything necessary to convey water to and from the 33 turbine wheel, and all connections from wheel to pump; one 125 H. P. Corliss Engine with boiler and connections with pump; also engine and boiler house and so much of basement of mill as may be necessary for use in properly controlling pump and machinery; in fact, all that is necessary to make a complete pumping station, either water, steam or both.

Second—I will install a pump sufficiently large to correspond to the water power as developed by recent tests, style of pump to be subject to approval of your committee or of council.

Third—Council to have 3 months time in which to satisfy themselves, that plant is satisfactory. If found satisfactory, payment of rent at rate of \$1,500 per year, payable quarterly, to date from time the plant is delivered to boro for operation.

Fourth—I will agree to contribute out of first years rent the purchase price up to \$1000 for purchase of pipe.

Fifth—The lease shall be for ten years with option to renew.

Sixth—The boro to keep the property in repair and to relieve me from all taxes on same.

Mr. Fenlon offered the following resolution which was carried unanimously.

Resolved—That the proposition submitted by Col. Reynolds to lease site for pumping station, power and equipment at Phoenix Mill be and the same is hereby accepted and the boro solicitor is hereby instructed to prepare lease embodying the terms and conditions of the propositions above recited, and the President and clerk of council is hereby authorized and instructed to execute same immediately upon approval of the lease by the solicitor.

It is claimed this means a saving to the boro of about \$3,000 a year, if successful.

This action of council is certainly a surprise, and many people doubt the wisdom of their course. Considering the numerous failures about the Water Works it is to be hoped that every phase of the contemplated change will be carefully considered. Our boro can't stand any more blunders.

Pay Your Revenue.

Deputy Revenue Collector Geo. W. Reese will be at the following places for the purpose of receiving taxes and issuing stamps.

Bellefonte—Monday, June 15.
Lock Haven—Fallon House, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 16 and 17.

Renovo—Ward House, Thursday, June 18.

Millfinburg—Decker House, Monday, June 22.

Lewisburg—Baker House, Tuesday, June 23.

Philipsburg—Passmore House, Thursday, June 25.

Sheriff Samuel Constable's Fees.

Sheriff Samuel Dietrick, of Northumberland county, has ordered the commissioners to withhold jail subpoena money the constables claim belongs to them. He declared he is entitled to it according to the sheriff's fee bill. The sheriff claims that if he has the power he will put a stop to constables going out and hunting up cases as there will be no compensation, and that this will tend to send nothing but purely criminal cases to court.

A valuable cow belonging to John R. Renninger, near Loganton, while in the woods last week, was bitten by a large copperhead snake, and died a few days after from the effects of the poison.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

WAY OF THE WORLD.

'Tis not the tallest tree that bears
The fruit whose taste is sweetest;
The horse that holds the highest head
But seldom is the fleetest;
The girl that giggles may not have
The keenest sense of humor.
It chances oft that little truth
Is in the loudest rumour.

He may not have the broadest mind
Whose forehead is the tallest;
She may possess but little grace
Whose waist is squeezed the smallest;
And she who weeps beside his grave
The bitterest may let her
Sad heart be touched the quickest when
The next man sighs to get her.

EPITAPH FOR PENNY'S TOMB.

Here lies the body of Quay's Cousin Sam.
Who posed for the press as "Great J Am,"
But soon had less peace than the dog with
The can.
And went out of his job a sore, silly old
man.

A girl who was awfully y's
Met an old man with love in his i's.
He fell on his knees
And said, "Marry me, please."
She soon did O. K. that lively old j
On account of his x's and v's.

The barber shaves the broker's chin
And makes him feel in clover,
But the broker beats the barber, for
He shaves his man all over.

Lives of some great men remind us
That we will, if we are wise,
Leave our modesty behind us,
And get out and advertise.

Happiness is a ray of sunshine between two clouds.

A pretty girl is apt to be her own standard of beauty.

If some men were worms they would be too lazy to turn.

The less wit a man has the more others may appreciate it.

A bachelor's advice is generally wasted on a married man.

Self-reliance lifts a man up; self conceit drags him down.

Poverty may pinch an honest man, but it never destroys him.

Nobility of birth does not always insure nobility of character.

Wise is the man who profits by the costly experience of others.

Unless a man has faith in himself there isn't much hope for him.

A grain of sand in a man's make-up is worth two in the sugar.

If you are unable to find an opportunity to go to work and make one.

Some women can keep a secret easier than they can keep money.

The more a man knows the easier it is for him to keep his mouth shut.

If you are determined to look for trouble don't use a magnifying glass.

Be sure of the effect before wasting your time in searching for the cause.

Conscience is something that troubles a guilty man almost every time it thunders.

When two women talk the subject of their conversation is conspicuously absent.

Bank tellers usually know more than they tell.

A man isn't necessarily thin because you can see through him.

Time is money, according to the adage, yet some men spend a lot of time trying to borrow a little money.

Lawyers have their tribulations, but they make money out of other people's trials.

People who talk loudest about paying their debts are frequently the slowest about paying them.

A little boy in his night dress was on his knees saying his prayers and his lit sister could not resist the temptation to tickle the soles of his feet. He stood it as long as he could and then said: "Please, God, excuse me while I knock the stuffin' out of Nellie."

A young lady had given a young gentleman her photograph. He was enamored with it, and made the remark: "Some day, with your permission, I shall plead for the possession of the lovely original." But he did not expect this: "Then I shall give you the negative."

A merchant, who was very punctual in all he did, one day gave a joiner an order for some work. Knowing the man was rather careless, and often promised, but did not perform, he said to him: "When will you have my work finished?" "On Thursday next," replied the joiner, "If I am living, you shall have it." Thursday came and passed without the promised work. In the evening the merchant called at the newspaper office, and asked the printer to insert among the deaths the name of the joiner. On taking up the paper next day the man was surprised to find an announcement of his death, and went to the printer to demand an explanation. He was referred to the merchant, who, on seeing him, expressed some surprise, for, said he, "You solemnly promised my work for Thursday if you were living, and as it did not come I thought you must be dead."