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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Held in Court House, in Bellefonte On Last Tuesday.

IT WAS BY ACCLAMATION

John A. Daley Starts His Little Boomlet—Read the Riot Act for Democrats—Reeder and Dresser Endorsed—Sammy Miller Too.

Tuesday, the Republicans of Centre county held a convention in the Court House. There was little business to transact, and that even was so completely mapped out that the proceedings lacked interest and was devoid of any excitement. The attendance was principally confined to delegates and a few lookers on.

Chairman W. F. Reeder called the body to order at 11 am., after which G. W. Reese read the call and list of delegates; of the 121 delegates in the county, many were not present. C. G. Avery, of Phillipsburg, was chosen as the presiding officer, and the organization was further completed as follows:

Secretaries: Thomas James, Rush; David A. Irwin, Marion.

Reading Clerk: G. W. Reese, Bellefonte.

Committee on Resolutions: James A. Thompson, of Halfmoon; J. B. Harris, of Walker; John W. Stuart, of State College; H. C. Woodring, of Worth; and Harry Curtin, of Boggs.

The following were named by acclamation:

For Congress: Hon. S. R. Dresser, of McKean, with power to select his own conferees.

Delegate to the National Convention: W. F. Reeder, Esq., to select his own conferees to the district conference.

Delegates to the State Convention: S. M. Miller, Phillipsburg, and S. B. Miller, Bellefonte.

The following resolutions reported by the Committee were read and adopted:

The Republicans of Centre county, by their representatives in convention assembled, do hereby reaffirm their devotion to the principles and traditions of the Republican party.

We endorse and applaud the administration of President Roosevelt and the wise and patriotic domestic and foreign policy which he has pursued, under which our people, at home as well as abroad, are honored, protected and defended.

We heartily endorse the patriotic and economical administration of Samuel W. Pennypacker, Governor of Pennsylvania, and we commend to the people of the State the satisfactory condition of the finances of the State as a result of wise Republican administration.

We commend the careful and vigilant course of United States Senator M. S. Quay and United States Senator Boies Penrose in caring for and protecting the interests of our great Commonwealth, and we respectfully urge upon them the necessity and importance of securing prompt and liberal action whereby an adequate water-way may be opened up from the great metropolis of the State to the sea, so as to further increase the business and improve the welfare of the people of this State.

We heartily commend the careful and business-like course of Hon. S. R. Dresser, our present representative in Congress, and we pledge to him the united support of the Republicans of Centre county at the election in November next.

With time at their disposal short speeches were made by Wilbur F. Reeder, S. B. Miller, Col. James P. Coburn, John Daley, Hon. A. O. Farst and Clem Dale, Esq.

The proceedings were tame for the reason that the nature of the business was of little importance and the program of the County Chairman went through without a hitch. The addresses of some of the gentlemen evoked applause, and reminded us much of the self-righteous Pharisee who thanked the Almighty that he was better than his neighbor—the poor democrats. Col. Coburn, as customary, made a characteristic break when he intimated that the republican party had a monopoly of the intelligence of the country. John Daley took occasion to announce that he was a candidate for legislature, and hoped to get the party nomination (and we hope so too) which caused a bit of amusement. Judge Farst made some clever remarks, and in a joking way he said all that was necessary in Centre county after the November election, was to secure a coroner to sit on the remains of the Democracy. Of course the convention applauded. Clem Dale got up and told how a short time previous the republicans of Centre county had given him the cold shoulder. While it was not relished by himself and friends it did not change his political views.

Taking it all in all, it was a real decent convention, innocent and harmless. Had a democrat occasion to believe all that was said, or been shown the evidence to bear out their sweeping claims and unjust denunciations, he would have felt so small as to drop through the crevices in the floor and wilt away. Instead, the writer was only amused and in a for-giving mood took his departure when it was over.

THROAT ENTIRELY CLOSED.

Mrs. Rickey, wife of W. S. Rickey, of Williamsport, underwent an unusual operation at the hospital Thursday morning. It is unusual to the extent that it has never before been performed in Williamsport, although it has been resorted to in some of the larger cities. The operation is known as gastrostomy, and was successfully performed by Dr. G. D. Nutt, says the Gazette and Bulletin.

Mrs. Rickey was slowly starving to death, suffering from stricture of the esophagus, the passage through which food and drink reaches the stomach. This passage has been slowly closing up for five or six years, until it had become almost if not entirely closed. For several years she could not swallow solid food, and lately even water would not pass through the constricted esophagus, and she was in a most pitiable condition indeed.

Without an operation she would have soon starved to death, and as an operation would prolong her life indefinitely, this was decided upon.

Mrs. Rickey entered the hospital several days ago, and Thursday morning Dr. Nutt performed the operation. He said in the evening that it consisted of making an opening into the stomach through the muscles and abdominal walls and in about three days the patient can begin taking her food through a silver or rubber tube direct into the stomach. Thus she can live indefinitely, but the stricture in the esophagus cannot be cured.

Two \$50 Bank Notes.

Mrs. Anderson, a widow living at Forest Hill, Union county, recently purchased a tract of land from her grandfather Pontius' estate, upon which was erected a log house, which was of historic interest. During the past week carpenters have been engaged in tearing down the old building, to replace it with a new and modern house. Over one of the windows, on a heavy sill, were found two fifty dollar bank notes dating back to the time of Washington. They were in perfect state of preservation. Experts have not examined the notes yet to learn whether they are negotiable or not. Mr. Pontius was a wealthy and eccentric old gentleman, and it is supposed that in the early days when the Indians inhabited the valley that the money had been hidden from them. It is believed that there may be more valuables or money concealed about the old house, and all eyes are earnestly watching the razing of the structure.

Hugh S. Taylor Elected Major.

A meeting of the line officers of the Fifth regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania was held at the Logan House, Altoona, Tuesday afternoon, to elect a successor to Major John H. West, of Hollidaysburg, who was placed on the retired list March 1, at his own request. There were sixteen officers present. Colonel Rufus C. Elder presided. Capt. Hugh S. Taylor, of company B, Bellefonte, was unanimously chosen to the vacancy. He could not be in attendance at the meeting by reason of the death of his wife, who was buried Tuesday. Lieut. Gettig represented Co. B. We congratulate Major Taylor upon this handsome honor—none more deserving.

For 18 years Major Taylor has been a member of the National Guard, enlisting in 1886 as a private in Co. B. He was made Captain of Co. B. in 1896 and brought the company to a high state of efficiency. It now stands at the head of National Guard as the best drilled company in the state. Last year they captured the Hastings medal, the gift of the late Governor Hastings, to the best drilled company in the 5th Regiment. This honor comes to our townsman not as a compliment but in recognition of merit and service.

Seedless Apples.

After experimenting for many years John F. Spencer, of Grand Junction, Col., has succeeded in producing a seedless apple. The apple looks like a navel orange and the inside is entirely solid. The trees on which the seedless apples are grown are unusual in that they have no blossoms. Spencer, who is an old fruit grower, is preparing to graft his seedless buds on all sorts of apple trees. He claims that in a short time he will be able to develop seedless apples of every variety.

Lumber Deal Declared Off.

The Milton Standard is authority for the statement that the deal whereby the firm of M. H. Knip & Co., of Shamokin, was to acquire the large lumber interests of the John Duncan estate was called off last week just as the final arrangements were being discussed. The firm of William Whitmer & Son, of Sunbury, closed a bargain for the entire interests. Twenty-seven thousand acres of timber land thus changes hands.

The liar is generally an enthusiast.

KILLED AT NIAGARA FALLS

Fate of a Young Man From This County.

DEATH OF DAVID TRESSLER

Was Standing On a Track—His Companion Killed At Same Time—Body Sent To Berwick, Pa., For Interment Last Week.

David J. Tressler, a son of Henry Tressler, dec'd, a Benner township boy, was killed at Niagara Falls, N. Y., on Monday, March 21st. The body was sent to Berwick, Pa., for interment where two of his sisters reside, and where he had been living for several years past. The following extract is from a Niagara Falls paper giving an account of his death. He had gone there from Berwick to seek employment as a clerk in company with Harry McHenry, of Berwick, and both were instantly killed by a train:

"As near as can be ascertained they were standing on the tracks of the Erie railroad at 24th street watching the passing of a passenger train on the New York Central Railroad. They failed to notice approach of the Erie train. The train was going at a high rate of speed and the bodies of the two men were thrown east a distance of 105 feet, landing close together on the north side of the tracks on the ice in the ditch. The train was stopped but it was found that the men had been instantly killed. The men were beyond all medical aid, however. McHenry's skull was crushed and his brains were scattered over the ice and snow. There was a hole in Tressler's head two or three inches in length and his body was bruised and mangled, a number of the bones being broken, death must have been instantaneous. According to the diaries on the bodies of the men they had left their Pennsylvania homes about ten days ago in search of work. Tressler was 27 years old, his companion being about the same age.

Royer-Brooks

At the Lutheran parsonage in Boalsburg by the pastor Rev. Stoenesifer, March 24, at 2:30 o'clock, took place one of the early 1904 spring weddings. It was an exceptionally pleasant event which joined as man and wife, John N. Royer and Miss Lizzie J. Brooks. The bride's maid was Miss Katie Royer, sister of the groom, while Elwood Brooks, brother of the bride served as groomsmen. Following the official ceremony the wedding party repaired to the home of Mrs. James Brooks, near Pleasant Gap, where the bride has been making her home for some years as a companion to her grandmother, Mrs. Brooks. An exceptionally palatable wedding supper was served the same evening at this place to the invited guests present.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks, of near Pleasant Gap, and is an accomplished lady in every respect, while the groom, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. W. Royer, of near Jacksonville, is quite well and favorably known throughout Nittany and other valleys as a model young man in all respects. The young couple starts out in life under especially bright circumstances and with the most hearty congratulations and very best wishes.

A Rascal Peppared.

Joseph Ralph Burton, senior United States Senator from Kansas, and a political leader of wide influence throughout the West, was convicted by a jury in the United States District Court, on the charge of accepting compensation to protect the interests of the Rio Grande and Securities Company, a so-called "get-rich quick" concern, before the Post Office Department at Washington.

Apart from the maximum penalty of a \$5,000 fine and two years imprisonment on each of six counts on which he was found guilty, which the Court may impose, Senator Burton is forever barred from holding any public office in the United States.

If every political rascal was given his dues, every prison in the United States would be jam full and room needed for more.

The Amish Return.

Several families of Amish people, twenty persons in all, arrived in Lewistown last week on the Atlantic express, enroute from some point in Nebraska to the Big Valley, near Belleville. They had migrated to Nebraska about two years ago, but drouth and falling crops had made them glad to again return to their old home. Another lot of Amish families have arranged to go to North Dakota, to make their future homes.

I. O. O. F. Reunion.

Arrangements for the annual reunion of the Pennsylvania Odd Fellows anniversary association to be held at Montoursville on April 26, are progressing rapidly and when the time for the reunion arrives the Odd Fellows will find everything in readiness for their reception and comfort.

PAY FOR PRESIDENT'S TRAIN.

When Representative Baker, of Brooklyn, was suppressed by Representative Boutelle, presiding in the House, as chairman of the Committee of the Whole on last Friday, he was trying to worry the Republicans. He sent to the clerk's desk to have read an amendment which he proposed to the Postoffice Appropriation bill. The clerk read but a few lines when it was objected to as out of order, and the objection sustained. Mr. Baker's amendment in full was:

"To reimburse the great railroads the cost of supplying the President of the United States with special trains, food, cigars, wines, liquors, etc., during his trip about the country last year, \$50,000; provided, no railroad shall share in the appropriation unless it shall within 90 days furnish an itemized list of what was supplied the President of the United States; and, provided, further, that the President shall not contract any further expense similar to this without the express consent of Congress.

Two Years' Agreement.

The mining contract to govern coal mining in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, covering working conditions and wages of the 117,000 miners for the next two years, has been signed and delivered in duplicate by the operators' and miners' scale committees. The contract will be in force until April 1, 1906. On that date also will expire the contract in the anthracite districts, which consists of the anthracite strike commission's award. All of those workmen whose wages were advanced last year from \$2 to \$2.28, to equalize wages, will not be subject to the cut. The reduction in other wages is, "one-half of the increase given by the operators." It figures 5.35 per cent. The interstate conference relations have been reestablished by the date being set for the next joint conference in February, 1906.

Fine Easter Entertainment.

The Lutheran Sabbath school, of this place, will have a fine Easter entertainment in the church, Sunday evening April 10th, entitled "The Resurrection," the "First Easter," specially prepared for this school and occasion, to represent by living characters the incidents connected with this crowning event in the life of the Savior. The music for the occasion has been specially ordered for the entertainment. The leading characters represented in the exercise, will be: Pilate, Angels, Joseph, Centurion and Guard, Mary Magdalene, Saviour, Disciples, Priests, Thomas, and others.

John L. Sullivan Dying.

John L. Sullivan is seriously ill at the home of his sister in Roxbury, Mass. The greatest of all prize-fighters is suffering from a wasting disease which has gradually undermined his Herculean frame, and it is not believed that he can live long.

Sullivan is without money, dependent entirely upon his relatives for support. He has earned in his career upward of \$1,500,000, but all of this he has either given away in charity or wasted in prodigal living. He has not a penny of it left.

Late War News.

An important engagement took place near the town of Chongju, in which the Russians were defeated, retiring in perfect order. The Japanese suffered heavily but the Russian losses are not stated. Cavalry on both sides were engaged. The Russians occupied a commanding position. The Japanese fought gallantly but owing to their heavy losses were unable to occupy the position abandoned by the Russians.

For Sale.

A new 5-horse power, horizontal, Fairbanks, gas or gasoline engine. Can be seen any time at this office. Engine is too large for our purpose, and have ordered a 2-h power engine, same make to take its place in our new office. No better on the market; very few are as good. See cut and description on page 2. Also a good 12 inch water motor. Inquire personally at this office, before April 1st.

Bride and Groom Serenaded.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hummel, who were married recently, visited Mrs. Hummel's parents at Lovellville on Saturday night. They were given a calithumpian serenade in the evening and a feature of the serenade was the explosion of several sticks of dynamite. The shock of the explosion broke a number of windows in the houses nearby.

Will Observe Arbor Day.

The scholars at Mann's School House in Curtin township are preparing for quite a big time in observing Spring Arbor Day. Besides the part taken by the pupils there will be addresses by Capt. H. S. Taylor, ex-senator W. C. Heinle, John A. Daley and others.

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS

Announced At Harrisburg on Tuesday.

MANY CHANGES ARE MADE

Conference Was In Session The Past Week—Where Pastors Will Serve In This Section of the State The Coming Year.

On Tuesday the M. E. Conference, in session at Harrisburg, concluded its deliberations. The appointments announced for this part of the State are as follows:

- J. Ellis Bell, Presiding Elder, P. O., 1211 Eighth Ave., Altoona.
- Allegheny—John V. Royer.
- Altoona—Asbury, William L. Chilcote (supply); Chestnut Avenue, Joshua K. Lloyd; Eighth Avenue, George M. Klepfer; Fairview, Frank W. Curry; Fifth Avenue, Hiles C. Pardoe; First Church, Benjamin C. Souner; Juniata, Elmer F. Harter; Simpson, Joseph F. Anderson; Walnut Avenue, Richard Brooks; Ashcroft, John E. Hawkins (supply).
- Bakertown—John R. Shaeffer (supply).
- Barnesboro—John C. Young.
- Bellefonte—John A. Wood, Jr.
- Bellwood—William Moses.
- Birmingham—Nathan B. Smith, Center, and Sandy Ridge—John A. J. Williams (supply).
- Clearfield—Milton K. Foster, James McK. Reiley.
- West Side—John A. Mattern.
- Coalport and Ironva—Charles W. Karns.
- Curwensville—Benjamin H. Mosser.
- Duncansville and Epworth—John Horing.
- Glen Hope—Henry W. Hartscock.
- Half Moon—Edwin L. Eslinger.
- Hastings—Richard H. Wharton.
- Hollidaysburg—George S. Worman.
- Houtzdale—Joseph K. Kniseley.
- Howard—Edgeworth M. Allen.
- Hyde City—To be supplied.
- Karhausen—Martin Watts (supply).
- Lumber City—Theodore S. Faus.
- Mahaffey—William C. Charlton.
- Martinsburg and Woodbury—S. Rollin Taylor.
- McKee's Gap—William S. Rose (supply).
- Milesburg and Unionville—Marshall C. Piper.
- Morrisdale—Robert W. Ranyan.
- Munson—John W. Forrest.
- New Milport—George M. Shimer.
- New Washington—William C. Wallace.
- Osceola Mills—Charles M. Beratz.
- Patton—Morris E. Swartz.
- Penn's Valley—George W. Mellinay.
- Phillipsburg—George D. Penepacker.
- Pleasant Gap—John R. Melroy.
- Port Matilda—John B. Durkee (supply).
- Ramey—Andrew P. Wharton.
- Roaring Spring—George M. Glenn.
- Shawville—Abraham L. Frank.
- Snow Shoe—Harry J. Schuchart.
- State College—Edgar Heckman.
- Tyrone—Columbia Avenue, William R. Picken. First Church, John H. Daugherty.
- Unionville—George W. Strong (supply).
- Wallaceton—Robert L. Armstrong.
- Warriors Mark—Robert T. Whiteley.
- Williamsburg—Charles C. Snively.
- Woodland and Bradford—Charles A. Bidle.
- Samuel Blair, Missionary in Utah.
- Supernumeraries—Nathan H. Schenck; Elliot S. Latslav, William A. Stephens, Lewis A. Budsill.
- Superannuates—George Warren, George B. Aque, David F. Kapp, Edmund White, Wilbert W. Sadtle.

ADJOINING COUNTIES.

Kane Emerick died at the home of George Wertz at Lamar of paralysis, aged about 70 years. He is survived by one son, Frank Emerick of Mill Hill, and one daughter, Mrs. Milton Overdorf of Jersey Shore.

The Hazletville Cornet band is energetically at work raising money in various ways to purchase uniforms. Saturday they held a festival which was attended by a very large crowd and the net proceeds were gratifying.

Six counties of Penna. were 100 years old Saturday. By act of legislature, March 26, 1834, Potter, Tioga, McKean, Clearfield and Jefferson counties were taken from Lycoming while Cambria was formed from parts of Somerset and Huntingdon.

After the regular business session by the P. O. S. of A. camp of Mill Hill, the members tendered a reception and surprise to John L. Ripka and wife and Mrs. W. Pifer, who will leave for their new homes in a few days. Mr. Ripka and wife will move to Bellefonte and Mrs. Pifer to Nittany valley. The evening was very pleasantly spent and elegant refreshments were served. There was a large attendance of members.

While a New York Central train was speeding along near Ansonia a day or two ago a deer came bounding down the mountain side and fell dead across the tracks of the Central railroad. The animal succumbed only after a long chase in effort to elude hunters. The deer was one of the largest ever seen in that section, weighing 140 pounds. Why didn't the fellow who asserts the deer was chased by hunters spot the criminals and turn the law loose on them.

At Berwick Next Year.

The Methodist conference at Harrisburg on Saturday decided to meet next year at Berwick.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

THE CHANCE.
No man is born too late
To turn his back to hate;
We may not all be great
Or rich or wise;
The chances may be few
For winning fame, but who
Succeeds by gazing through
Ungrateful eyes?
Mankind has never had
Less cause for being sad
Nor more for being glad
Than we possess;
Ne'er has the world before
Encouraged kindness more
Or had such gifts in store
For cheerfulness.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

THREE AGES OF WOMAN.

I.
At fifteen, like an opening bud,
The maiden fair is seen;
And she would have the world believe
That she is full eighteen.

II.
Next by the time that thirty years
Their steady course have run,
She then would have us understand
She's but twenty-one.

III.
Time rolls around, her girlhood friends
Are nothing more but names,
Though she has seen but ninety years
A century she claims.

The shortest prayer may have the longest reach.

Some men only give tips when they are tipsy.

It isn't always safe to trust a man who parades his honesty.

Those who put in a hard winter are now looking for signs of re-leaf.

To flatter a milk man all you have to do is to give him a cream puff.

The theatrical manager would rather have a full house than four of a kind.

Some fellows who think they know how to play poker are merely philanthropists.

Trial List.

For the April Term of Court, commencing Monday April 25th, 1904, and continuing for two weeks:

- Charles Pravel vs Daniel Long.
- George Robb vs Eben R. Lucas.
- Eunice H. Jackson vs D. D. Woods.
- Carrie Harter et al vs John D. Long.
- Jane Cowher vs Wilson Prantz.
- Lackawanna Fertz. Chemical Company vs John Mitchell.
- Joseph Bros. & Co. vs Grant Hoover et al.
- Jacob List vs Geo. Mark, Admr et al.
- S. F. Dorman vs Cheshire Homan et al.
- J. H. Weber vs George Getzfel.

SECOND WEEK.

- Lehigh Valley Coal Co. vs Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corp. et al.
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- Philip Iddings and wife vs Boggs twp.
- Sadie Rothrock vs Elizabeth F. J. Rothrock heirs.
- James A. Davidson, Gd. vs James N. Shope.
- Geo. M. Cresswell vs F. H. Clement & Co.
- Geo. J. Turny vs Snow Shoe Mining Co.
- Mirilla Dawson vs Cornelius Bland, Admr.
- Clyde E. Shuey vs Bellefonte Furnace Company.
- Martin Daley Sr. vs German Ame. Ins. Company.
- W. H. Johnstonbaugh, et al vs E. M. Huyett, A. R. Mcnitt et al.
- John T. Baylatts vs J. J. Kelley, Wm. Neyman Jr.
- Mary J. Gates et al vs Minnie G. Rowan et al.
- Mary J. Gates vs Daniel Meyers.
- College Hardware Co. vs T. D. Boal.
- B. A. Aaronsburg & Youngmans Pike Co. vs Centre Co.
- J. T. Taylor's use, vs Mrs. Nancy Benner.

Weather Report.

Weekly report—Bellefonte Station.
DATE TEMPERATURE
Maximum Minimum
Mar. 17, clear..... 47 18
18, cloudy..... 42 18
19, cloudy..... 31 18
20, clear..... 38 15
21, cloudy..... 51 18
22, cloudy..... 43 18
23, clear..... 62 15
Rain: on 18th, 29 inch rain and 1 inch snow; on 21st, 18 inch rain; on 22nd, 9 p. m. heavy thundergust, 20 inch rain.

Y. M. C. A. Building Sold.

The building and furnishings erected by the Young Men's Christian association of Eagleville, were sold by the sheriff of Centre county last Thursday. The furnishings went for little or nothing and the building was knocked off to Irvin Wagner, the highest bidder for \$225. He held a mortgage for \$250. The mortgage held by John Bowes was for \$150.

The Feast of the Passover.

On Wednesday evening the Feast of the Passover began at sunset to continue for eight days. This is one of the feasts that is observed by all Hebrews and a time of great rejoicing.