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Re-convened County Convention Proceedings.

SEVERAL LIVELY SPEECHES

Delegates Elected to the State Convention—J. C. Meyer, Esq., For National Delegate—Col. Spangler Makes Some Timely Remarks.

Last Saturday there was a gathering of Democratic hosts in Bellefonte from all parts of the county. The occasion was a meeting of the County Committee, which was held in the Arbitration Room in the Court House, to attend to some important matters connected with the organization. After that was over the meeting in the main room of the court house took place. This session was a re-convening of the last Democratic County Convention of 1903. In the absence of W. Miles Walker, who was chairman of that convention, Col. J. L. Spangler was selected to preside. Upon taking the chair the Col. made one of his stirring speeches. His remarks evoked much enthusiasm; in one instance he strongly pointed out the weakness of the present administration and the manner in which it violated national traditions. Coming down to local affairs he alluded to the fact that this coming year the people of this county proposed to place upon the Bench in Centre county a man who was clean, able, learned in the Law, impartial, and above all who would not soil the judicial ermine by posing as a political boss and peddle political favors from the bench. He next referred to the shameful method of awarding liquor licenses for political profit, and gave as an instance the granting of a license to a man in Osceola who was refused in Clearfield county as unfit for such a privilege, but when he moved across the line he got it apparently for the reason that he was recognized as one of Judge Gordon's political heeleders and might be of service to the aspirant in Centre county this year. The remarks met with the approval of the assemblage, for it is clear that the people of this county resent such methods as unbecoming the dignity of our court. H. D. Rumberger, of Philipsburg, then read the call for the convention and the roll of delegates, which showed that comparatively few districts were not represented.

The selection of delegates to the State Convention was made by acclamation, the choice being Dr. P. K. White, of Philipsburg and Hon. R. M. Foster, of State College. A resolution was then offered by John J. Bower, Esq., endorsing J. C. Meyer, Esq., for Delegate to the National Convention from this district, pledging hearty co-operation of the Democracy of Centre county to have Mr. Meyer selected in the district conference. This received the approval of the convention. Joseph Peters, one of the loyal democrats of Philipsburg, arose and spoke of Mr. Meyer's fitness to represent the party in such a capacity and his eloquent remarks evoked rounds of applause. No one suspected Joseph of being an orator, but he demonstrated the fact. Mr. Meyer was called upon and responded in a short speech that was to the point. The Hon. Robert M. Foster followed in a pet talk that aroused enthusiasm.

The noon hour having arrived, and there being no further business before the convention, adjournment followed.

As there was very little important business to be transacted on this occasion, the attendance demonstrated that there was a live, wide awake Democratic Party in Centre county and that when the fight was on this fall there would be something doing all along the line.

The manner in which Col. Spangler flayed the republicans of the county for running to the Judge of our court every time some postmaster was to be appointed or a political favor granted, made a deep impression upon those in the audience. There was food for thought in his remarks that appealed to men who wore no political collar and thought for themselves.

Rural Carriers to Get \$720.

The rural mail carriers of this section will be pleased to learn that congress has decided to increase their salaries to \$720 a year. Under the new law they are also permitted to carry merchandise for hire and receive subscriptions for and deliver newspapers and periodicals so long as this occupation does not interfere with the proper discharge of their duties.

The Blanchard Y. M. C. A.

Rev. J. Stanley West, of Blanchard, is making efforts to raise by subscription, \$400 to pay off the indebtedness of the Young Men's Christian association at that place. He has now raised over \$200 and expects to secure the balance in a short time.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT.

A pretty and interesting entertainment was held in the Lutheran church last Sabbath evening, entitled, "The Resurrection: the First Easter Day." The program was entirely original and especially prepared for the occasion. The characters were members of the Sabbath school, and represented all the incidents connected with the burial and resurrection of the Savior. The audience room was crowded to the utmost, and part of the Sunday school room appropriated. The music was fine and specially ordered for the entertainment. The choir consisted of Mrs. Wm. P. Kuhn, Misses Maud Miller, Blanche Smith and Alice Ishler, the male voices Messrs. S. E. Showers bass, and Bert Bayard a fine tenor; Miss Minnie Showers presided as the organist. The principal characters were the following: "Pilate," A. A. Dale, Esq.; "Centurion," Harry Smith; "Guards," John Kreps and Frank Ocker; "Jesus" A. A. Dale; "Pilates Servant," Mr. Perry; "Joseph of Arimathea," Thomas Hazel; "Mary Magdalene," Miss Kate Armbruster; "Nicodemus," Harvey Schaefer; "Three Women at the Tomb," Roxie O'Brian, Florence Mulbarger and Helen Robb; "Chief Priest," J. F. Garthoff; "Disciples," W. P. Kuhn, Thomas Hazel; "Thomas," H. Schaefer; "The Angel of the Tomb," Mrs. Chas. Hazel. The characters taken by Miss Ambruster, Mrs. Hazel and Mr. Dale were quite difficult, but they deserved much credit for the manner in which they performed their parts. All the characters appeared in the costumes of the days of Christ, and the rendition of incidents was strictly religious, being instructive and uplifting to a degree highly pleasing to the audience. The recitations and readings by the children were executed in a splendid manner and they carried out their part on the program to perfection. The entertainment was pronounced by all one of the finest yet given in this place.

MATCHES—RATS—FIRE.

There might have been a destructive fire in North Allegheny street. It appears that Mrs. Maria Butts living three doors this side the Episcopal church, had placed a box of matches on the clock mantel in the dining room. Rats, or a rat, out foraging Monday night managed to reach the mantel and dropped the matches on a cane seated chair where they ignited burning the seat of the chair clear out and fire dropped through upon the floor, the matting was set on fire, fortunately part of the matting was damp and prevented the fire from spreading leaving a burned space. The Butts family did not discover the danger they had been in until next morning, Tuesday. That section having a number of wooden dwellings built closely together, a destructive fire might have resulted but for the above fortunate circumstance.

Woman Ablaze Fires Forest.

Mrs. Caroline Prough, a well connected woman, residing at Good, south of Altoona, was the living torch that set aflame the forests on Brush Mountain on Sunday, raging over an area of 10 square miles, threatening several mountain towns.

Mrs. Prough raked the lawn of her country residence, and it appeared dry enough to burn. While she was attempting to use gasoline to start the fire the can exploded. Blazing from head to foot, she ran in agony into the forest, where she finally fell a mass of flame. Dried leaves and twigs quickly caught fire from her burning body, and before help could arrive from the neighboring town, Williamsburg, the mountain was roaring with flame. The body of the unfortunate woman was found Sunday afternoon burned into an unrecognizable mass. Millions of feet of lumber have been destroyed by the forest fire, which so far has not even been checked.

Rather Young.

Sunday, April 3rd, some one broke a window, released the latch on the door and gained an entrance to Henry Brown's store, in the basement of the Aiken's building. Four revolvers were taken also some small articles.

On Monday morning Mr. Brown made information before Justice Keichline that resulted in the arrest of two small boys Earl Freeman and William Wolf, aged 10 and 12 years. The boys confessed to committing the deed and owing to their age the case was continued providing the parents pay costs and give bond for their future behavior.

An Honest Woman.

A Chicago club woman, in the course of an address recently, said: "There is so much that is bad in the best of us, and so much that is good in the worst of us, that it doesn't behoove any of us to say anything about the rest of us."

Rev. Dr. Edward J. Gray, of Williamsport, was operated on Friday at the Johns-Hopkins hospital at Baltimore.

BATTLESHIP BLOWN UP

The Russian Navy Suffered Another Loss.

STRUCK SUBMARINE MINE

All On Board Were Lost—Big Battle Reported In Progress—Fifty Japanese Scouts Killed—Heavy Fighting Expected.

The war news is not startling; on the night of April 8th, a detachment of Russian sharpshooters crossed the left bank of the Yalu, opposite Wiju. The sharpshooters landed on the island of Samailand and surprised a patrol of fifty Japanese scouts just as the latter were approaching the east side of the island in three boats. The Russians allowed the Japanese to land and then fired on them.

Nearly all the Japanese were shot, bayoneted or drowned and their boats sunk. The Russians sustained no losses. On the following day the Japanese lowered their flag at Wiju, and their outposts, which lately have been seen, fell back.

It is believed at Teng Chow that the long expected sea fight among the Mikoto islands has taken place.

The battleship Petropavlovsk, with Admiral Makaroff on board, struck a mine in outer harbor of Port Arthur, while going out to meet the Japanese fleets and sank. Admiral Makaroff was drowned. Only four officers were saved including Grand Duke Cyril, who was wounded. Between 600 and 700 men perished. The naval battle is still in progress, according to latest accounts.

The first report received said that Makaroff had been captured by the Japanese, but later advices say that he was drowned while attempting to escape from the sinking ship. The Petropavlovsk was blown up by one of the Russians' own mines during an engagement with the Japanese, two other ships besides the Petropavlovsk were seriously damaged, and that the czar's cousin, Duke Cyril, is probably injured.

Tokio, April 13.—Severe fighting has occurred at the Yalu river, which the Japanese forces are prepared to cross at various points.

Gave the Constable the Slip.

Constable James I. Paul returned, yesterday 11, from Bellefonte with a young man of near this city, who was placed in jail pending an investigation into his mental condition. Last week Constable Robert Martin brought him from his home to Alderman Smith's office. He suddenly jumped up and told Martin to look down the street, as something was wrong. The unsuspecting constable looked, when the young man darted away and escaped to Bellefonte, going most of the distance on foot.—Lock Haven Democrat.

OVER THE COUNTY.

The wholesale grocery house of Platt-Barber is about to increase their capital stock \$200,000.

C. O. Mallory, who moved from Rebersburg, into the east end of the Union Hotel building, has opened a grocery store in the room lately occupied by Mrs. S. A. Hingston as a millinery establishment.—New Berlin Reporter.

The Centre county teachers' institute will be held in November this year instead of December, as usual. This change in date is made in order to secure the best instructors, and should be a guarantee of the excellence of the institute.

We understand that the inventor, D. F. Luse, Supt. of the Luse Mfg. Co. of Centre Hall has about completed a double row Centre Hall planter, using the celebrated dropping and fertilizer device of said planter, and using as a furrow opener a new and novel device invented by himself, whereby the plow can be changed in a shoe or sled, and from a shoe to a plow in 15 minutes, at the option of the operator.

ADJOINING COUNTIES.

Lamar's oldest inhabitant, Mrs. Mary Williams, aged 89 years, died Saturday morning at the home of her son-in-law, Isaac Loveland. She was buried in the cemetery at St. Pauls church.

Mrs. Catharine Gardner, widow of the late Irvin Gardner, died yesterday morning at the home of her son, R. A. Gardner, at Mill Hall, after an illness of 12 weeks of complication of diseases. Had she lived until June she would have been 73 years old.

Bishop Charles H. Fowler, D. D., of Buffalo, declined to administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the opening session of the New Hampshire Methodist Episcopal Conference because individual communion cups had been furnished. As no other cups were available the sacrament was postponed.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Legislation in Congress proceeds sluggishly again, but it is probable that by May 1, there may be effected a round up of "those cattle," as the president facetiously calls the law-makers at the other end of the Avenue. It has been arranged that the transfer of the Panama canal property to the United States shall take place at our embassy in Paris on April 25th, if the stockholders agree.

The labor organizations here and their representatives from other parts of the country have been thrown into a condition of inextinguishable rage by what they call the duplicity and hypocrisy of the republican party in relation to labor legislation. Mr. Gompers is so angry that a republican Congress has promised to pass an eight-hour law and an anti-injunction law, for the protection of the mechanics and other manual laborers of the land. But every year on the close approach of adjournment they have switched the industrial train off the track. This week the trick has been turned again.

Ex-Senator Charles A. Towne, of Michigan, Minnesota, and New York, is considerably talked of in the dark horse category of democratic candidates. He was a member of the Senate three weeks and made one notable speech which attracted much attention, against the subjugation of the Filipinos. At the congratulations Senator Depew sidled up to him and took him by the hand. "Mr. Towne," said Senator Depew, with appropriate condescension, "I congratulate you, sir! Your delivery was fine, your diction elegant, your peroration superb, and your argument damnable." Senator Towne instantly replied, "Mr. Depew, I am delighted to know that you approve of the only features of it you could comprehend." The witty retort is still pleasantly repeated at the Capitol.

Huntingdon Presbytery.

The annual meeting of Huntingdon Presbytery began its sessions in the First Presbyterian church of Tyrone on Tuesday. Nearly seventy preachers and elders reported. The retiring moderator, Rev. Edgar P. Johnston, of Schellsburg, opened the session. After the sermon the roll was called and a list of those present made up.

The following from Centre county are there: Bellefonte—Rev. William Laurie, D. D. Centre Hall—Rev. W. H. Schuyler, Ph. D., Elder G. L. Goodhart, Philipsburg—Rev. R. P. Miller, Elder Robert Shipley, State College—Rev. James O. Denniston Moshannon—Elder T. B. Weaver, Pine Grove—Elder D. Loder, Rev. William Gibb, of Irwona, was elected moderator.

Jail Yard Shaft to Soldiers.

The County Commissioners and the Grand Army posts of Snyder County met in joint session at Middleburg on Friday to select a site for the soldiers' monument and parted with the Grand Army men all on one side, and the Commissioners all on the other. The latter want the monument in front of the Court House, and the soldiers characterize this as "a scheme to immortalize a nation's heroes in connection with a jail-yard shaft." And the Centre Democrat thinks the Grand Army boys are right, and properly resent such an insult. Snyder is one of the darkest of republican counties in which proper respect for the heroes of the civil war has not taken deep root.

Another Wild Goose Hunt.

Sheriff Torrence Shearer and Officer John Brendel, of Lock Haven, returned Monday evening at 8 o'clock from beyond Wolfe's store in Brushvalley, where they had gone to investigate a report that Sherman Jamison was working in a lumber camp there. They arrived at the place at 10:30 after driving for over six hours and waited until the fellow came in for dinner. He was taken in a room and after questioning and examining him the officers were convinced he was not the muchly sought Jamison. About 70 miles were traveled on the trip, but teams were changed at Loganton.

Salvation Army.

Major Frank Waite, of Buffalo, will conduct a special service at the S. Army Hall, Spring street, Tuesday evening, April 19th. Refreshments will be served at the close of the service. An admission of ten cents will be charged to help defray the expenses of the Major's visit. The Major will also be at the Army Hall, Wednesday evening, April 20th.

An April blizzard, bringing with it from two to two and a half feet of snow and sleet, has practically isolated Western Minnesota and a large section of North Dakota. The storm not only completely blocked the railroads with huge drifts, but so prostrated the telegraph service that it will be two weeks before it can be restored. The section of the country around Fargo, N. D., is shut out from all communication.

OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

How Clinton County Was Taken From Centre.

IT WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED

The Act Was Approved By the Governor June 21, 1839—Were Patriotic Those Days On the 4th of July—Big Time In Bellefonte.

In 1839 the agitation in favor of a new county to be called "Eagle," with the county-seat at Lock Haven, was early renewed. The contemplated dismemberment of Centre county was earnestly opposed in Centre county. A public meeting was also held at Bellefonte, March 5th, presided over by George Boal, and resolutions offered by Gen. George Buchanan and James Gilliland, embodying the reasons for opposition to the new county.

On the same day a special election was held for state senator, vice Alexander Irvin, resigned. Anson V. Parsons and Maj. G. S. Armstrong were candidates. Parsons' vote in Centre was eleven hundred and ninety-two; Armstrong's three hundred and fifty-four. Armstrong was considered the candidate of the division as well as of the Whig party. Senator Parsons had hardly gotten into his seat when the House, over Dr. Strohecker's exertions, passed the bill for the erection of Clinton county by a vote of forty-seven to twenty-four.

The Democrat of March 26th, commenting on this action, says, "The majority of the members of the House have acted without reflection, and have done the people of Centre county a direct and unmerited injury. Our territory is compact, bounded by a natural boundary, and the only citizens remote from the seat of justice are in Logan township, a few of whom have to travel from twenty-five to twenty-eight miles and are unanimous in remonstrating against it. A gentleman from away down east (Jeremiah Church), who has traveled in different parts of the United States laying out towns, has laid out one on the Susquehanna, and desires to enhance the value of his lots and make a speculation; hence the project of clipping Centre county and enriching himself at the expense of her citizens."

A county meeting was held at Bellefonte, April 23d, presided over by Samuel Hays, of Bald Eagle; David Allison and John Henderson, of Lamar, Col. Anthony Kleckner, of Logan, and John Emerick, of Walker, Vice-Presidents; William Smyts, Jr., and John Brumgard, of Lamar, secretaries. This meeting adopted a strong address, embodying the reasons for opposing the new county, and appointed a committee, consisting of Gen. William W. Huston, Hon. Jacob Kryder, Bond Valentine, Esq., and Col. Anthony Kleckner, to take charge of the subject.

The act erecting Clinton county was approved by the Governor, June 21, 1839. It passed the senate against Senator Parsons' utmost endeavors, all the opposition except Mr. Bell, of Huntingdon, voting for it, and the democrats all opposing it except Frailey, of Schuylkill; vote was eighteen for to nine against.

The Fourth of July was celebrated this year by the young men, who assembled at the court house, Hon. W. W. Potter presiding; John Hoffman, Esq., was the orator, Col. James Burnside read the Declaration of Independence, Charles B. Calahan acted as chief marshal. The two military companies were present by invitation. The young men then proceeded to J. M. Benner's hotel for dinner. The Centre Guards took dinner at William Armor's. From the names of those giving toasts we gather some of the soldiers connected with this organization: Capt. A. G. Curtin, Lieut. Hess, C. B. Calahan, John Dale, Robert McClain, John Watson, George Ross, William Swyers, Samuel Lipton, J. S. Proudfoot, William Reife, J. M. Hall, Samuel Dixon.

Big Pay at Altoona.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company will pay out to its Altoona shopmen this month the sum of \$612,000. It is the biggest pay in the history of the company, exceeding previous records by almost \$50,000. The big pay is the result of the rush to get much needed work out in many of the departments the men were compelled to work overtime and in this way swelled their checks by many dollars.

Beck-Harris.

Charles S. Beck and Miss Sadie E. Harris were married Tuesday 5th, at Nitany at the home of Samuel Tweed. The ceremony was performed in the presence of over 30 immediate friends by Rev. H. Willis Hartsock, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Glen Hope, Pa.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

IN DOUBLE HARNESS.

When he asked the blushing maiden, Whom he wished to make his wife, "If she'd trot in double harness Down the rocky road of life," She, it seems, had no objection; Full of gladness was his cup— Quick they galloped to the parson, And he straightway hitched them up.

A man's will is a sort of dead give-away. No one is so slow that he can't go fast asleep.

Many a painting is hung that is not well executed.

Married people can't preserve peace in family jars.

The auctioneer runs things up only to knock them down.

If you feel that you can't trust a man make him pay cash.

When a girl is engaged she thinks a lot about saving gas.

The only man you can really judge by his clothes is a tailor.

Some people never grow wiser without also becoming sadder.

A blonde may be light-headed without being feather-brained.

Lot's of men put more money on the horses than on their wives.

The dentist inspires profanity when he puts a dam in your mouth.

There is often more true Christianity in silence than in a sermon.

It's bad luck when a man loses, but good judgment when he wins.

Good intentions should never grow cold if hell is paved with them.

The man who boasts that he has never made an enemy must be a human jelly-fish.

It is human nature to swallow the camel of flattery and strain at the gnat of truth.

To flatter a woman tell her she is beautiful; to flatter a man tell him he is working too hard.

ANOTHER FROM HOWARD.

Mister Editor: Yure paper with mi letter incl, created a grate cal uv exhibitment down here; a man cooda dan reel wel, jest tendlin his Centre Democrat. I tel yu thea people hev gud taist down here; tha no a gud thing wen they sea it; it wuz so gud, thea a feilio stoal sum uv et, wich I think wuz a gross breech uv eteket. A man kum in an wanted to borro our paper till the next moorning, he wanted to sho et in his wife to put her in a gud youmer soe's she wouldn't file objections to his ben on so laite. I toald him et wuz impossible thet evry fue minuits people cum in to read it but ef he wanted tu, he cud rede it over 7 ur 8 times, an I wook keed thea thea ur thea crowd bak, til he was thru. Finely I coran-teened it fur feer sum wun wud embezele et. I wuzn't agoin tu hev my furst boorn treeted thet agoin fur I hed a verry bad spel with that-us. Thet Joe Diehl must du a deel uv biznness. I think he's the dealishest fello I ever hed any dealings with; wy ef I want tu tell a fone ur tell a man anything, thea garris et the swich off say Mr. Diehl is not thru yet. I heered a man sa, thet es sune as Diehl a wrided 2 more krates uv aigs. Thea no dout we wil hev a squair deel.

Hen Holter's family wuz coran-teen'd an thea wuz to git out last Saturday but Jaik Rob's family uv hens got a hed uv Hen's family; et thad thea mashine out at Jaik's, perfuning his aigs; an a culdn't git et back in time, Hen's family hed tu wate til Sunday. Hen wuz so mad, he went an killd tu uv his oan hens; after he got oaver it, he cleaned em, an thea had em fur dinner.

Docker Fisher an his wiskers cum down to dige nose a kase last week. Dock is a grate dige-noser. He sez he ken smel small pocks 30 feet off. He sez et huz a pekuliar flavor that is not pleasant. Ez suoc ez he sean the kase, he sed et was a kase uv pimples, ur thea most indignant tipe; an thea pashent shouldn't be aloud tu kry moran 3 sales a weak, hens forth; thet ef he hada kry'd moran sails earlier in thea season; he wouldn't a hed thet braken out; thet it wuz boum to kum out sunplacc.

Last week wun nite, I heerd a bel tolen, an I maid inquire an was toled, thet tha far cumpany hed a spread. I didn't no wot thet wuz, an so I went tu sea; wen I got there, no hev'n a kee, I lookd in thea winda, an sich a spread I never seen; thare wuz:

Piekaillly, soukrout, Pigs feet, an liver wurst, Lams tungs, an kaf branes. An sumthin to stop ver thirst.

I also seen eyes kream, sponge kaik, an poun kaik. I think wen mixed together thet'd maik a verra gud stuning-kaik. Jest then aman kum out an I ast him if I couldn't be aleketed a ornery member an he sed not much, we hev tu blame! meny uv thet kind all reddy. So yuce meny I wuz agen at sea.

AUF WIDERSEHEN.

Certainly a Mistake. On Wednesday two packages were received by mail from the "J. C. Louse Killer" Aaronsburg, Pa. It is a famous remedy for cattle, sheep, cats, dogs, anything that is lousy or infected with vermine. As the Centre Democrat has moved to new quarters, where everything is clean and pure, the remedy is of no use. No doubt it was intended for some other print shop. Spear, of the Gazette, can have the sample, for the asking. It is a good thing.