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## DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Held in the Court House Tuesday Afternoon

### NOMINATIONS EASILY MADE

A Gathering of the Faithful—Many Old-Time Democrats Present—Enthusiasm Over Orvis' Nomination for Judge—Strong Resolutions.

Probably the quietest campaign prior to a democratic primary election ever known in Centre county occurred this year. Important offices are to be filled, but the conditions were such this year as to arouse little interest. The nomination was conceded long ago for president judge and prothonotary, and while there were four candidates for assembly none of them made a canvass of the county, some not even going from home to solicit support. District attorney also had but one name.

The result was that the primaries were not largely attended Saturday afternoon. Yet on Tuesday the county convention had 88 out of 91 delegates present.

Monday evening the political sprinters from Philipsburg arrived and began hustling around in behalf of their candidate for assembly, Jacob Swires. At that time the meagre returns from various sections indicated the renomination of Hon. J. W. Kepler, of Ferguson, and John Noll leading Swires for second place.

In addition to the delegates, many active party workers from all parts of the county assembled to attend the convention, which was called to order at 12:20 Tuesday noon by County Chairman H. S. Taylor. The call was read by J. K. Johnston, Esq., after which the convention proceeded to organize.

Wm. F. Smith of Penn, named Col. J. L. Spangler for permanent chairman, which was made unanimous. Hearty applause greeted his appearance, but he refrained from any remarks as important business demanded immediate attention. The following were named by acclamation:

Secretaries—George R. Meek and Chas. R. Kurtz, of Bellefonte.  
Tellers—H. M. McManaway, of Miles; W. T. Kelley, of Bellefonte.

Reading Clerk—Wm F. Smith, of Penn.  
Ex Commissioner Geo. L. Goodhart, of Potter, then offered the order of business which was approved, after which the chair appointed the following committees:

Resolutions—Dr. F. K. White, Philipsburg; W. H. Fry, Ferguson; L. B. Frank, Miles; A. Weber, Howard; S. A. McQuistian, Bellefonte; John D. Long, Rush; M. D. Kelley, Snow Sho.

Credentials—Hammond Sechler, Bellefonte; Geo. W. Rumberger, Unionville; J. W. Orr, Marion; D. J. Meyer, Centre Hall; W. A. Murray, Harris; George L. Goodhart, Potter; J. D. Miller, Walker.

There being no contests the committee on credentials had no work to perform, while the committee on resolutions retired to the grand jury room and began their deliberations.

Nominations were next in order for president judge. J. C. Meyer, Esq., arose and prefaced his remarks by congratulating the democracy upon the prospects of a triumph this year; he interpreted the signs of the times as indicative of a great change in sentiment; the party was once more united in a solid phalanx and would sweep on to victory. In glowing terms he spoke of the spotless character, legal ability and eminent fitness of his friend and associate at the bar, Ellis L. Orvis, Esq., whom he named for president judge. His conclusion aroused much enthusiasm. J. M. Keichline, Esq., arose and in a few well chosen words evoked more enthusiasm for Mr. Orvis; his prediction of a majority of over 1500 in November brought down the house with wild applause. As there were no other candidates, the nomination was made by acclamation.

The committee on resolutions, by their chairman, presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

First. We affirm our adherence to, and faith in, the principles of our party as taught by its founders; and we congratulate the Democracy of Centre county, as well as of the State and nation, that upon these cardinal principles of Democratic faith and their application to the vital, pressing questions of the day, we all stand united.

Second. We commend that declaration of President McKinley in his last public address, when he said that "A system which provides mutual exchange of commodities is manifestly essential to the continual healthfulness and growth of our export trade. We must not repose in fancied security that we can forever sell everything and buy little or nothing. The period of exuberance is past. The expansion of our trade and commerce is the pressing problem; commercial wars are unprofitable; a policy of good will and friendly relations will prevent reprisals."

While we recognize the right of capital in all legitimate lines of enterprise to combine for the increase of business, for the enhancement of profits by enlarging productive capacity and by decreasing the cost of production, thus lessening the price to the consumer, yet when such combination, in its purpose or effect, creates or tends to create a monopoly of its production; to restrain trade; to stifle competition; to increase cost to the consumer, or to control the market for the labor it employs, it violates the spirit of our laws, becomes inimical to public welfare and peace, and should be so regulated, controlled or prohibited by law as to protect the public interests.

We believe that a majority of the unlawful trusts now in existence are the direct and natural result of the excessive Republican tariff duties, which destroy competition, and inevitably breed combinations for monopoly. To remedy this we demand the first purpose of tariff revision. To such revision our party stands pledged.

Third. We deplore the continued existence of labor troubles and express the earnest hope that through concession, arbitration, moderation, and fair dealing adjustments may be reached. While we concede to capital and employers the utmost protection guaranteed by the constitution and the laws, we maintain that labor also has the right to that protection which comes through proper organization and union.

Fourth. We deplore the present prostration of business and the enforced idleness of toiling multitudes by the general closing of furnaces, mines and factories, and the wholesale dismissal of faithful employees by the great transportation companies of the country. Thus, deprived of a fair opportunity to earn a decent livelihood and compelled to pay for the necessities of life the exorbitant prices extorted by the trusts, our people are facing the double danger of idleness and want. For eight years the Republican party has entrenched in power in every department of the government, has consistently proclaimed itself the author and creator of our prosperity, and now when our exports are diminishing, our industries paralyzed, workmen idle, business demoralized, capital discouraged, we place the responsibility where it belongs and hold President Roosevelt and the Republican policies accountable for the present deplorable condition of business—all of which again forcefully illustrates to the American people that the tariff upon which such prosperity is built is a fraud and a snare used by the corporations, combines and trusts to oppress and plunder the people.

Fifth. We demand that our courts be, in name as well as in fact, "Temples of Justice," where law and equity shall be so administered as to command the universal respect and confidence of the people, and to this end we earnestly protest against the prostitution of the judicial office by participation in factional politics, resulting in the election of court favors and patronage as to reward partisan adherents and to coerce and punish political opponents. The sacred office of the judge and the dubious occurrence of a practical politician are incompatible, and their conjunction is a menace to the "inalienable rights of life, liberty and property." Our people, ever jealous in maintaining the purity and dignity of the judiciary, have invariably disregarded partisan feelings to rebuke a particularly flagrant violation of the result of neighboring judicial districts, where the people, irrespective of party differences, united for the purpose of banishing politics from the courts. Therefore, the Democracy of Centre county call upon all good citizens, of all creeds and parties, to unite in electing to the President judgeship of this 49th judicial district, a man who is a sage, a noble character, learning, dignity of deportment, freedom from prejudice, and judicially prominent fit him for that high office. We this day present and nominate for the said office of President Judge the Hon. Ellis L. Orvis.

We commend the efforts of the representatives from Centre county in the Legislature of 1903 in their opposition to corrupt legislation.

The following names were presented for assembly: John Noll, Bellefonte, by J. M. Keichline, Esq.; Jacob Swires, Philipsburg, by Sol. Schmidt of the same place, who referred to Mr. Swires' success in business; I. W. Kepler, of Ferguson, by Dr. F. K. White, of Philipsburg; John F. Potter, of Boggs township, announced that he had retired from the contest over a month ago, owing to absence from the county, therefore his name would not be presented. No more nominations were made and the first ballot stood:

J. W. Kepler..... 51  
John Noll..... 85  
Jacob Swires..... 40

Before this result was announced the chair ordered a roll call to carefully ascertain the number of delegates present—88 answered. Each delegate cast two votes making a total of 176; one-third of whole is 59, the number necessary to nominate on first ballot. J. W. Kepler having received 51 was declared the first nominee. After that each delegate cast but one vote, as only one vacancy remained, in which case any number over 44 was a majority and would nominate. In taking the next ballot another complication arose. A. W. Reese, of Worth, came instructed for Noll and Swires, and being allowed but one vote was in a quandary as to what he should do. The chair suggested that he cast a half vote for each, and the tellers recorded it that way. The second ballot stood:

John Noll..... 48 1/2  
Jacob Swires..... 35 1/2

And Mr. Noll was declared the other nominee for assembly. Sol. Schmidt, of Philipsburg, gracefully moved that it be made unanimous and it went through with a hurrah.

For Prothonotary Hon. W. A. Murray, of Boalsburg, made a strong appeal in behalf of Arthur B. Kimpfort, of Harris township, setting forth his special fitness for the office; it was seconded by James Swabb, of Linden Hall. J. M. Keichline, Esq., seized the opportunity to score some good points in Mr. Kimpfort's behalf, and he evoked rounds of applause by his eloquent and timely remarks. No other names being offered Mr. Kimpfort was nominated by acclamation.

Then D. Paul Portney, of Bellefonte, nominated W. G. Runkle, Esq., for district attorney, which was seconded by Mr. Keichline, and the nomination likewise was made by acclamation.

For county surveyor one ballot was necessary, as follows:

J. H. Wetzel, Bellefonte..... 58  
S. K. Emerick, Union..... 22

Dr. G. K. White offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, that N. B. Spangler, Edward Jones and W. G. Morrison be hereby elected the three congressional conferees to represent the county of Centre at the Democratic Conference of the 21st Congressional District of Pennsylvania; and be it further

Resolved, that the said three Centre county conferees be requested and instructed to vote for George Dimeling, Esq., of Clearfield, as the Democratic candidate for Congress in this District, and use all honorable means to secure his nomination.

H. S. Taylor was chosen as county chairman for the ensuing year.

All business being transacted there Continued on page 4.

## ROBBER SHOT

### AT JULIAN

While in the act of Looting a Store.

### THE WOUND NOT SERIOUS

Confined in the County Jail—He was Armed but Never Offered Resistance—Claims it was his First Offense—Was Alone.

There was much excitement at Julian, a small station on the B. E. V. railroad beyond Bellefonte, Thursday night, over the attempted robbery of the general store of J. Howard Turner, and the subsequent shooting and capture of the robber.

A young man named Hoover, who was sitting up with Daniel Irvin near the Turner store at 11 o'clock at night, saw a light moving about the room, which was something unusual. Slipping up to the window, he saw a man inside bent on robbery. He hastily notified Mr. Turner and the clerk, who were soon at the store, the former with a shot gun. Taking a position where they could not be seen from the inside, the burglar was seen coming down the stairs from the second floor, with the lamp in his hand. Taking this as a guide to aim by, Mr. Turner pulled the trigger and fired at the daring burglar through the window. He was heard to fall and at the same time the light was extinguished. The firing of the gun brought neighbors to the scene and ere long, when it became known that a burglar was trapped and wounded in the store, the entire village was aroused. The men all armed themselves with guns and revolvers and surrounded the building, waiting for the robber to make a break for liberty, in case he was not too severely wounded. But the expected dash did not occur. At daylight next morning a picked squad of the citizens, led by Constable Calvin Holt, entered the store room and found the robber lying on the floor. He had been wounded in the eye and a small pool of blood was near his head. The ball did not enter the brain, neither was his eye shot out. It is therefore thought he was hit by the shot after it had struck and glanced from the scales. The fellow was unconscious, but it is thought he was only feigning. When searched two large loaded revolvers were found on his person. He was brought to Bellefonte at 10 o'clock that morning by Constable Holt and Mr. Turner and placed in the county jail.

He was taken before Squire Keichline who committed him to jail without a hearing he pleading guilty to burglary. He refused to talk until just before the train left Julian for Bellefonte when he remarked to Turner "that he was a pretty poor marksman."

It is predicted that Judge Parker will receive the democratic nomination for president at St. Louis, on the third ballot.

It is practically settled that Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, will receive the nomination for vice president on the republican ticket by acclamation at Chicago.

The war between Rockefeller and the Pa. R. R. is announced as settled.

Farmers' Institute. The County Board of Farmers' Institute Managers will meet at the County Commissioners' office on the third Tuesday of June 21st, at ten o'clock in the morning, to arrange for the place where Institutes are to be held this season. All of our people who desire Institutes, will attend this meeting and present their claims. If you find that you cannot attend this meeting, address a letter with your request to Chairman of Board of Institute Managers, JOHN A. WOODWARD, Chairman, Howard, Pa.

Double Tragedy. In Pittsburg on the 29 ult., shortly before daylight Irvin Wise, a mechanical engineer, shot Katie Craff through the heart, instantly killing her, and then turned his revolver on himself, sending another bullet into his own heart and ending his life almost instantly. A message found on a union card in Wise's pocket, reads: "My name is Irvin Wise. Notify my mother, Mrs. R. Wise, Lewisburg, Union county, Pa." Wise was married and had one son.

While assisting in switching freight cars at Mill Hall yesterday morning Conductor A. C. Kling, of the New York Central railroad, was knocked from the engine and seriously injured. He was leaning out too far as the locomotive passed over the iron bridge across Fishing Creek, and his head came in contact with the iron framework, knocking him to the ground.

## MILITARY RECORD DISCOVERED.

Ever since the death of the late Judge John H. Orvis at Bellefonte the historians of Greeg post have been at their wits end to discover some record of his service during the civil war. While most of the veterans had personal knowledge of the judge having enlisted in the three month's service and also knew that he rose to the rank of a lieutenant, no one could find any record showing him to have been connected with any branch of service.

A few days ago General John I. Curtin was sitting in the office of the Bush house talking to Frank P. Bible. As it was just a short time before Memorial day the soldier dead naturally came up as a topic of conversation and it was then that General Curtin expressed his regret at being utterly at a loss to understand how Orvis had served in the war and yet left no official record of his service.

This remark recalled a conversation that Mr. Bible had had with the judge at least 20 years before, when the latter had said: "Frank, as a soldier, I will pass out unhonored, unmourned and unsung, for they have me on the records as John H. Davis." Mr. Bible had never thought of it until that moment when Gen. Curtin brought the matter up with such little hope of getting a solution of it.

The gentleman later hunted up Bates' history and there, sure enough, was John H. Davis, 2nd serg., Co. B, 11th Pa. Vols., enlisted from Lock Haven, which was Judge Orvis' home at that time.

It can be seen very readily how the transcribing clerks might have mistaken the first two letters of Orvis for Da. In fact by writing the name rapidly the result will make this very apparent.—Watchman.

Wednesday evening a beautiful nuptial ceremony was performed at the home of County Superintendent C. L. Gramley, of Rebersburg, the contracting parties being their daughter Almah E. and M. Claude Haines, of the same place. As the familiar wedding march echoed through the home it was the signal for the appearance of the young couple who took their positions in the northwest corner of the parlor, underneath an arch of white flowers from which were suspended three flower bells. The bride was attired in a lovely white organdy gown and carried a bouquet of lilacs and orange blossoms. They were attended by Miss Orpha Gramley and R. Lynn Emerick and the two little flower girls who preceded them. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. C. Bixler, in the presence of about fifty guests. After the congratulations a daintily prepared lunch was elegantly served. The bride is an accomplished musician and a leader in the social circles of the town, and was the recipient of many handsome presents. The groom is a son of Geo. B. Haines, of Rebersburg, and is a promising school teacher; during vacations has been managing Haines & Bros. meat market at that place.

Wedding at Clintondale. The home of Mr. C. M. Walker, of Clintondale, was the scene of a very pretty wedding Wednesday, June 1st, at five o'clock, when his daughter Mae was united in marriage to Gay R. Swartz, of Bellefonte.

The parlor was tastily decorated with evergreens, palms and flowers. The dining room with rhododendron. The bride's table was simple and beautiful with a centre piece of maidenhair fern and pink carnations. Promptly at five o'clock the bridal pair entered the parlor to Lohengrin's wedding march played by the sister of the bride, Mrs. John Wolfe, of Jersey Shore.

Twenty-five guests were present. They will be at home in Bellefonte after June 10th.

Big Cloudburst in Lycoming Valley. An enormous loss of crops and farms is reported for 25 miles along the Lycoming valley from Ralston to Williamsport. Whole farms and houses are reported to have been carried away, and landmarks blotted out. Lycoming creek is a raging torrent. Scores of families awoke from their sleep to find themselves carried away by the flood. An entire block of houses was carried from their foundations and landed in the middle of the street. Entire farms along the creek were swept clean of everything. Hundreds of sheep, cattle and pigs were swept down the stream and drowned. The storm causing all this damage was in the nature of a cloudburst.

The gamey little sunfish is now protected by law and can only be legally taken during the same open season as his kinsman, the black bass—from June 15 to February 15, inclusive—and must be caught only with rod, hook and line.

## OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

Important Events From the Year 1847.

A FAMOUS CIRCULAR HUNT

Covered an Area of Six Miles—Proved a Failure from Mismanagement—Democratic Convention—California Fever—Potter Failure.

Early in September 1847, the water was let into the canal as far as Milesburg.

The heavy rains of the 6th, 7th, and 8th of October caused a great freshet. Bald Eagle Creek rose four feet higher than the flood of 1810. The dam at Hannah Furnace was swept away; also the dam of Adams, at Julian, with a large amount of coal. The turnpike bridge at Milesburg and the Bald Eagle Canal were injured to the extent of six thousand dollars. At Lock Haven the water was four feet deep in the streets.

In December, 1847, occurred the failure of James and John Potter, and on the 7th and 8th of December they confessed judgments upon their individual liabilities alone for \$107,435, and on firm liabilities with John Sterrett judgments were entered to the amount of \$155,000.

The judgments, with the exception of William Allison's of \$15,421, and Gen. Simon Cameron's, \$4759, were confessed with a stay of execution of one year. The personal property was sold upon Mr. Allison's execution, December 20th. The real estate, consisting of stone grist-mill, woolen-factory, houses, store, tavern, etc., at Potter's Mills, the red mill, the Irvin stone grist-mill, Old Fort property, etc., came under the hammer of the sheriff April 23, 1849.

In March, 1849, the California fever struck Centre county. A party of six left Lewistown for the Golden Gate—James K. Kelley, formerly of this county, United States senator from Oregon, 1817-77; Robert Beck, of Hecla; W. H. Levy, of Bellefonte; John Hayes, of Spring Mills; James M. Duncan, Esq., and Dr. Andrew Kelley, brother of James K.

March 10th, Robert Pennington's barn in Potter township was burned, with cattle, wheat, rye, and farming utensils. The fire was accidental.

Early in April the body of a man was found in the upper mill dam at Bellefonte so decomposed that he was not recognizable. It was understood, however, to be that of John Underwood, a soldier of the war of 1812, who had become addicted to excessive drinking.

Unionville, the new addition to the towns of Centre county, on the Bellefonte and Philipsburg turnpike, had its first Fourth of July celebration. Rev. A. Brittain presided, assisted by Thomas M. Hall, Casper Peters, James Alexander, Esq., Samuel Harris, B. Shipley, John Smith, and Thomas J. Geary as vice-presidents. The Declaration was read by Samuel Baker, of Howard, and addresses made by Rev. John A. Gere, Rev. C. Jeffries, and John B. Meek, Esq. Between four and five hundred persons sat down to a picnic dinner prepared by the people of the town and surrounding country.

The Democratic county meeting was held August 29th, Hon. George Boal presiding; vice-presidents, Adam Sunday, Maj. John Neff, and Thomas Mayes; William Furey and W. L. Musser, secretaries. Dr. Samuel Strohecker was nominated for senator, John B. Meek renominated for the Legislature; William Furey for treasurer, and David Jack for commissioner, by a convention held the same day, of which Dr. J. D. Canfield, of Walker, was president; George Jack, secretary. The Whig nominees were, for senator, A. G. Curtin; Assembly, Thomas Hutchinson; Commissioner, Peter Wilson; Treasurer, William Harris.

David Jack, candidate for county commissioner, died September 25th, aged forty-five, and Samuel Hess was nominated, October 23, in his place. William P. Packer was nominated by the conferees for senator. In October John A. Gamble, for canal commissioner, had 2093 votes; Henry M. Fuller, 1382. Packer had, for senator, 1904; A. G. Curtin, 1512.

November 22d, a meeting was held at Unionville, and arrangements made for a grand circular hunt on the 7th of December. The area embraced was six miles, the first line resting on Bald Eagle Creek, extending from Unionland Boggs township line to Adams' Mill; the second to extend from Union and Boggs line six miles into the mountains; the third line to square with the second line back of the Allegheny, parallel with the Bald Eagle line; the fourth line resting on the Turner farm, extending from the Bald Eagle six miles to the third for back line. George Weaver was appointed captain of the first line, Dr. James Irwin

FACT, FUN AND FANCY. Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

The doctor prefers practice to theory. A sunny disposition seldom goes with a hot temper.

Goes against the grain—The fellow who drinks rye. A hen in a duck pond isn't a marker to a woman in politics.

If all prayers were answered, a lot of people would quit work. It's the man who looks into things who is always on the lookout.

With wedding gifts it's a case of know all men by these presents. Some men are born heirs; others acquire airs, but few have heiresses thrust upon them.

In committing suicide some people blow out the gas and others blow out their brains. Most fellows can raise the wind when it comes to blowing the froth from the top of a beer glass.

Exchanges have been telling of the Johnsonburg girl who is so bashful that she cannot see a sleeping car without blushing; of the Kane miss who faints at the sight of undressed lumber; the Port Allegheny maid who locks herself in her room and pulls down the blinds when she wants to change her mind; the Olean girl who never thinks of retiring at night if there is a Christian Observer in her room.

LUTHERAN CHURCH DEDICATION. The dedication of the remodeled church in Georgesvalley, known as the Cross church, took place on Sunday, May 29, Rev. J. M. Reardon, of Centre Hall, is pastor of the same it being one of the congregations belonging to the Centre Hall charge. Rev. W. M. Reardon, of West Milton and Rev. Wm. E. Fischer, of Shamokin, assisted in the dedication ceremonies, also Rev. McGann, of Lewisburg. During the morning and evening services some \$50 were collected. The cost of remodeling was \$1700 and the amount of money subscribed previous to the dedication and on dedication Sunday, was \$1950. The building committee was alive to its duties and was composed of the following: Samuel Harter, Andrew Zettie, J. P. Heckman, John McCool, John D. Waggoner, Wm. Ripka.

In an issue of the Centre Democrat of several weeks ago, we printed a list of the memorial windows and the names of the persons who furnished the same in memory of friends. This congregation is one of the most spirited in the charge, and ever prompt in all its obligations, financial and spiritual, and now it has a church modern and beautiful in its exterior and interior, a credit not only to its membership but an edifice of which that section of the valley may well feel proud. No church in the county has a more devoted membership and that accounts its never failing prosperity.

ACADEMY NOTES. Two extra teachers will be added to the faculty of the Academy for the coming year, making a corps of twelve instructors for that progressive institution. L. B. Hindman has been conducting in an interesting manner the Bible study in the boarding department during the past year, will deliver a series of lectures on Bible history and Bible truth to the entire school. These lectures will occupy one period of every Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Rebecca Lyon, a pupil of Professor Philip Schawwenka, of Berlin, Germany, the celebrated Polish composer and teacher, and a student under the leading artists of America, will establish a department in music. She will employ the Mason system of technique in general, and for very young pupils will adopt the kindergarten method. The music room at the Academy, which has been fitted up so attractively this year and equipped with a new piano, will be Miss Lyon's studio.

The Academy is to be congratulated for laying a needed stress on Bible study and offering to the town rare musical advantages.

Posing for Lewd Photographs. Kate Confer of Youngdale and Carrie Wagner of Bellefonte, who have been residing in Williamsport for some time, says the Sun, were arrested Thursday evening on the charge of posing for immoral pictures which Frank Wright was selling throughout Lycoming and adjoining counties. Friday morning they were taken before Alderman Bathe, where they pleaded guilty to the charge and in default of bail were sent to jail for trial at court. Wright was also arrested Thursday evening on a warrant from Sunbury. He was taken to that place, where he waived a hearing and gave bail for court.

—Good dress shoes for men, \$150. Yeager & Davis.

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