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Democratic Nominee for President.

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## Parker and Davis Nominated

A Reunited Party Wild with Enthusiasm at St. Louis—Greatest Convention in the History of Democracy—After a Fierce Struggle of Days and Nights a Strong Platform is Adopted and a Winning Ticket Named—Bryan is a Great Fighter and Proves a Loyal Democrat.

St. Louis may be the centre of attraction at present on account of a World's Fair, but in years to come it will be known as the place where one of the greatest events took place in the history of the Democracy. It was there that the disorganized, dismembered, discordant elements of a great party assembled last week for the purpose of holding its National Convention, and undertaking what to many seemed a hopeless task—of framing a satisfactory platform, or even naming a ticket that would receive its party vote or commend itself to the country. Republicans alluded to the gathering with sportive derision, while many Democrats, who were anxious as to the outcome, became discouraged. The great leaders from the North, the prosperous East, the Sunny South, and the boundless West, representing the varied interests of a diversified country, came together with a clashing that was an omen portending another humiliating defeat. The longer the sessions were extended day after day and far into the nights the further the abyss seemed to be yawning that was sure to engulf them. For eight years the old time Democracy was driven from shoal to reef by waves of dissension, and now hope was nigh gone.

In the closing session a heroic act dazed the entire convention, and amid the chaotic confusion that prevailed, victory was snatched from certain defeat and there was re-established a harmonious, vigorous, triumphant Democracy throughout the length and breadth of the land.

That is the result of the St. Louis Democratic National Convention; to tell the story in detail would require a volume. We devote a large portion of this issue to certain incidents in connection with the convention, and will give some other features later. On page 2 will be found a report of leading events, along with the platform, as adopted. Special attention is called to the biography of Judge Parker on page 3. Some great speeches were made, and on page 4 we publish Champ Clark's address entire. All of the matter referred to is worthy of careful perusal.

In the past six months there never was a time when anyone could foretell the action of the Democratic National Convention in regard to its framing a platform or selecting a nominee for President. Divided on the money question, no compromise seemed possible or satisfactory. The East was pitted against the West—Hill against Bryan. The first clash came in the fight over the contested seats in the Illinois delegation. Bryan lead the attack, and after some fierce assaults was badly worsted. He was pronounced a "political corpse" and such like—his death knell was sounded. Next came the fight in the Committee on Resolutions lasting for a day and a night. Bryan startled the country by knocking out Hill's gold plank by a large majority, 35 to 15. Hill though managed to choke out the income tax plank from the platform and the convention had to accept the compromise, which left the party silent on the money question.

Next came the nomination for President. Bryan took the occasion to make a strong speech in the convention defining his position and replying to the many criticisms of his course. This supposed "political corpse" swayed the audience by his matchless oratory as none other could. It demonstrated that he had an immense following that entitled him to

the respect and consideration which he received. Parker was nominated, but the great fault attributed to his candidacy was his silence on national issues, which disheartened many, as the platform was silent on the money question. This condition augured sure defeat in November.

### A THUNDERBOLT

Next came the report that Parker, by a telegram, threatened to resign if the gold plank was not restored to the platform. A panic ensued. The papers in St. Louis garbled the telegram and Parker was bitterly denounced as a "clam," a "dictator," by the leaders, many of whom took Parker badges from their coats and threatened to name another instead. The convention hastily came to a recess, until the leaders could consult. Pandemonium prevailed, leaders like Senator Hill and Tillman were worsted—it was a political panic.

Judge Parker's message read as follows:

"I regard the gold standard as firmly and irrevocably established and shall act accordingly if the action of the convention shall be ratified by the people. As the platform is silent on the subject my views should be made known to the convention, and if it is proven to be unsatisfactory to the majority I request you to decline the nomination for me at once, so that another may be nominated before adjournment."

It was frank, consistent and courageous—at the same time right and the convention authorized the following reply which bridged over the gap in the platform:

"The platform adopted by this convention is silent on the question of the monetary standard, because it is not regarded by us as a possible issue in this campaign and only campaign issues were mentioned in the platform. Therefore there is nothing in the views expressed by you in the telegram just received which preclude a man entertaining them from accepting a nomination on said platform."

That act practically satisfactorily put an end to further strife over the money question. At the same time it proved that Judge Parker was a greater man than he had been represented. He would refuse a nomination for the Presidency, rather than sacrifice a principle or stultify his conscience. It was courageous—heroic. It stamped him as an ideal man—a fitting representative of the True Democracy.

When the convention heard the correct telegram they began to appreciate that a leader had been found. The entire country applauded, irrespective of party. This act solved the money issue, solidified the party and named a man who promises to lead the party to certain victory.

### CONVENTION REPORT.

Owing to the importance of the recent Democratic National Convention, at St. Louis, last week, we devote a large amount of space in this issue to the same, and for that reason our Historical Review is eliminated and other features condensed. While many of our patrons have followed the proceedings of the convention in the daily papers, a greater number throughout the country depend on their weekly paper for the same.

### KILLING OF HARRY SHOFF.

His Head Was Crushed in During an Altercation.

Harry M. Shoff, Esq., formerly of Morrisdale, was killed during an altercation on the night of July the Fourth at Irvona. It seems that during the day a young man named Romey Loymeir had gotten into some trouble, and Mr. Shoff had defended him. At a late hour in the night Shoff stopped at a tough joint where Loymeir and another young man were known to be to collect his fee. Shoff was looked upon more as an intruder than simply there to collect his bill, with the result that a regular fight occurred. In the scuffle Shoff was struck on the back of the head, presumably with a rock, and killed, although Loymeir insists that he hit him with his fist, and had no thought of killing Shoff.

Loymeir gave himself up at once, and passed through Philadelphia in the custody of an officer en route to Clearfield jail. We learn he expresses the deepest regret over the affair; says he was drinking and not conscious of what he was doing, but is willing to "take the medicine" that may be administered as a penalty for the crime.

Shoff was aged about 31 years, unmarried. He had studied law under Thos. H. Murray and Judge Smith.

### Took His Own Life.

When Mrs. David S. Schirm, of Tyrone, awoke Tuesday morning 5, falling to discover her husband in the upper part of the house, went to the cellar, where she was horrified to see him lying on the cellar floor with blood on the steps leading to the cellar and on the floor, which revealed to her that a tragedy had occurred. She hurriedly went to the street and called a neighbor, who accompanied her back to the basement of the house only to confirm the wife's greatest fear, that her husband was dead. Mr. Schirm evidently arose some hours before, and without disturbing his wife, proceeded to the cellar, where at the foot of the steps with a razor he cut a great gash in his throat, severing the windpipe and jugular vein.—Herald.

### Woodman's Neck Broken.

Wilmer Long, employed on a log job of the Laurelton Lumber company near Laurelton was instantly killed on Thursday, June 29, by being struck by a log that came rushing down the side of the mountain. High above them was a log which was lying on the mountain side, and which had been there in the same position for two or three days previous. Suddenly it started and came crashing endwise down the mountain, like an arrow from a bow, and before the men could get out of the way it struck young Long, breaking his neck and back and killing him almost instantly. The unfortunate man was aged about 25 years.

The Hatch Adams Carnival company in their own train of sixteen cars will arrive in Tyrone Sunday, July the 17th. The company consists of 246 people.

## MONUMENT AWARDED

The Contract was Signed on Wednesday

FINISHED BY SEPTEMBER 1905

When the Dedication will take place—Of Barre Marble and Bronze—Contains Statue of Curtin and Names of 3000 Soldiers.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the committee in charge of the soldiers monument for Centre county held a final meeting. The design for the monument was approved. It will consist of a statue of the late A. G. Curtin, the noted War Governor, in bronze, on a square marble pedestal, in all eighteen feet in height. On either side will be curved balustrades of marble containing bronze panels on which will be inscribed the names of over 3000 Centre county soldiers and the engagements in which they participated. There will be other appropriate figures. The monument will cost \$33,000. The foundations will be laid next spring and it will be completed by September 1905 when the dedicatory exercises will take place. It will be located in front of the Court House, directly back of the fountain on the lawn with the edges up to the present side walks.

A more extended description will be given in a later issue.

### Family Reunion.

Monday evening a pleasant family reunion took place at the home of their daughter Mrs. Rash Williams, on Willowbank street. The following children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Osmer were present:

John Osmer of Los Angeles, California; Alfred G. Osmer and wife of Lincoln, Nebraska; Charles Osmer and family, Mrs. Elizabeth Hibler, and Mrs. Rash Williams of Bellefonte; Miles of Jersey Shore; and Clarence of Altoona. Mr. and Mrs. Osmer's children presented them two fine rocking chairs. It was a delightful occasion.

### WAR NEWS.

Operations have been lively the past two weeks between the Japs and the Russians; around Port Arthur the Japanese have been fighting continuously, crowding up closer and closer, until they have planted their siege guns near enough to shell the fortifications. There have been numerous naval engagements at long range with little damage to either party.

The latest dispatches are from St. Petersburg, to the effect that 30,000 Japanese were killed by Russian mines, in an attack on Port Arthur. It is based on a rumor and is unconfirmed, therefore is discredited.

In the upper part of the peninsula the two armies are in close touch and a decisive engagement is expected any day.

### Boy Builds a Big House.

A two story house, with an attic, is being built by a 14 year old boy near Martinville, York county. Phillip Snyder is the youthful builder, and everything in connection with the structure is being done by him. The cellar was dug, and the wall erected, and at present he is engaged in putting up the superstructure, and from all indications the house will be a model of neatness and convenience. The boy bought the lot of ground himself.

### Bellefonte Central R. R. Co.

On and after Monday, July 18th, the Bellefonte Central R. R. Co. will reduce the train service from three to two trains each way, leaving Bellefonte at 6:30 a. m. and 1:45 p. m. Returning leave State College 8:00 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.; arriving Bellefonte 8:50 a. m. and 6 p. m.

—Merchant A. Wieland, of Nordmont, Pa., was in town on Monday, accompanied by his sister Miss Winifred, of Linden Hall, and were guests at the editor's home. Mr. Wieland was a victim of typhoid fever which kept him in bed for five long weeks. He is spending several weeks at the Wieland homestead, near Linden Hall, recuperating his health.

—Tuesday evening Supt. Thomas ran the first special train to Hunter's Park where the Coleville band gave a concert at the pavilion. Owing to the threatening weather many stayed away. During the remainder of the summer their concerts will be given every Tuesday evening.

The boys of the National Guard of our state will be pleased to learn that of the \$1,000,000 appropriated by Congress for new arms and equipments for the organized militia, \$670,000 comes to Pennsylvania.

## OVER 600 DROWNED.

Over 600 Danish and Norwegian emigrants bound for New York are believed to have been drowned in the north Atlantic. Out of 765 souls on board the Danish steamer Norge, which left Copenhagen June 22, only 146 are known to be alive.

The Norge sank suddenly where she struck on the islet of Rockall, whose isolated peak raises itself from a deadly Atlantic reef some 200 miles off the west coast of Scotland.

Three other boats are said to have got away from the Norge by the survivors. Six hundred and twenty seven persons are still missing. No tragedy of the sea has had more appalling consequences, and none has occurred in a shorter time. The passengers were suddenly aroused from their sleep, terrified by the contact of the bows of the ship with the solid granite, followed by a grinding, rasping sound as if the hull was being shored over high rocks, when a stentorian voice gave the terrifying order: "All hands on deck; hurry or you may sink!" "The Norge" was afloat only about twenty minutes after striking.

### WHOLE FAMILY DROWNED.

A telegram was received at Houtzdale announcing the fact that Jones Anda, wife and four children were among the missing passengers who were aboard the ill-fated steamship Norge. The family left their Houtzdale home about a month ago on a combined business and pleasure trip to Sweden.

### Picnics.

The Sunday school of St. John's Lutheran church Lock Haven, will picnic at Hecla park Tuesday, July 19.

The Methodist Sunday school of Mill Hall will be the leader in an effort to hold a monster union picnic at Hecla park. About the middle of August all the Sunday schools of the town, along with those who are not members of any particular school will be asked to join hands in the effort to make the affair a grand success.

The annual harvest picnic of the Granges of Clinton county under the auspices of the Pomona grange, will be held at Agar's park, near Mill Hall, on Tuesday, August 2, 1904. This picnic will doubtless eclipse any previous demonstration ever held on these grounds. The following distinguished speaker: Hon. Aaron Jones, master of the National Grange, who has a national reputation as an eloquent public speaker; W. F. Hill, Esq., master of our own State grange and Rev. A. C. Lathrop, of Milesburg, Pa. Recitations will be furnished by several young ladies. A grange choir will contribute music for the occasion.

### Name of Station Changed.

Official notice was received at Oak Grove shops that the name of the passenger station of the New York Central railroad at that place has been changed to Avis. The name of the weigh scales has also been changed to Avis, to date from July 1. It is not known whether the New York Central shops are to be called Avis or not. There will be a pretty mixup now of names. The people will call the town Oak Grove, the railroad people have named the station Avis and the postoffice is known as Centre Oak.

### Kill Them in Time.

We publish the following as an instance of the danger in allowing bull dogs to roam our streets:

"On Tuesday Marguarite, the 13 year old daughter of Dr. P. A. Smith, of Madisonburg, was badly bitten by a bull dog. It attacked the child while she was playing in front of her home, biting and frightfully lacerating the flesh of the right leg below the knee. Dr. G. S. Frank, of Millheim, was called to dress the wounds, which required nine stitches."

The proper thing to do is to kill them, dead dogs never harm children. At their best, bull dogs are of little use.

### Boy Killed Big Snake.

A nine-year-old boy of Tyler, Clearfield county, killed a big rattlesnake a few days ago in a peculiar manner. The lad was almost stepping on the reptile, which was coiled on the path and ready to strike before he heard or saw it. Instead of retreating the boy quickly and coolly placed his foot upon the snake's neck, pinning it down until he reached a stone with which he broke its back. The snake yielded nine rattles and was a fine specimen.

### Needs \$60,000 to Repair Dam.

It will cost fully \$60,000 to repair the breaks in the Sunbury dam. Over 1400 feet of the dam was broken by the ice, and the river has fallen so low that the boats cannot be run. This was one of the finest bodies of water in the state.

Even the scissors sharpener must occasionally feel as though he would like to get away from the daily grind.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs Selected and Originated.

### REPENTANCE.

After the Fourth is over,  
After the final shout,  
A fellow then is certain  
Next year he'll cut it out.  
Upon a stack of Bibles  
He swears it to his wife,  
But when the Fourth rolls round again,  
He's at it large as life.

Marriage is a pottery in which family jars are made.

A man usually smiles when another man invites him to do so.

A girl hasn't much use for a man who is too cowardly to propose.

Buying ready-made clothing has cured many a man of periodical fits.

No man is ever in such a hurry that he won't stop to look at a dog fight.

Some women are busy little bodies and some others are little busybodies.

The turning point in a man's life is sometimes when he has an axe to grind.

Many a candidate who runs for office discovers that his opponent has a walk-over.

### AT THE FAIR.

St. Louis, Mo., June 27, 1904.

**EDITOR CENTRE DEMOCRAT:**  
After making all the arrangements for a trip to the World's Fair, our party started off on the morning of June 23 to meet the trials and vexations connected with such gatherings. In due time we came to St. Louis, having passed through some of the finest land on God's earth. After our arrival to the city some of our party were destined for other points, and the others to reach their places of entertainment while at the Fair. The crowds are large, but the large and obliging force of hands there are able to satisfactorily handle them without much annoyance to anyone.

Our party is in large measure indebted to Mr. A. J. Wolfe for getting along as well as we did. Persons contemplating a visit to the Fair had better make arrangements with some family, and those places are plenty for their accommodations while here. You can secure all the information by writing to the Bureau of Force Information for a booklet on same, or secure a place through some friends. While making preparations to go to the Fair, all kinds of disparaging news would be brought to our ears, such as excessive charges for everything, for boarding, lodging, high prices for anything you wish to buy outside of the Fair in the city. Our experience has been quite different, you can get a good, plain lunch on the Fair grounds from twenty-five cents up, depending in a great measure to what extent you wish to dine, in style and luxuries. St. Louis is ready to furnish all the opportunities and to receive all the money a person wants to get rid of. On the Fair ground the free accommodations for the public are just as numerous as at any of the large Fairs. For the Eastern people the railroad privileges are not what those people would like to see them, and it undoubtedly has an effect upon the attendance of the Fair. I want to say our party has struck an ideal spot in the city, and in the hearts of the eastern known people who live in the city—the expression of our gang is we don't feel as though we were in St. Louis—feel just as though we were at home. Some people say we want to put off going to the Fair until September when it will not be so hot. Daring our stay, so far, it was fully as cool as in Centre county; we sit out in the evening with wraps and coats on, nights are cool and here in this ideal spot we give ourselves over in the arms of Morpheus till daylight, fully refreshed for another day to the Fair. I am not advertising for anybody, nor trying to select the place where the air is purest and the annoyances to country people are fewest, yet in this part of the city they are to be found. A five-cent fare will take us to the main entrance, when coming to the city you buy a five-cent ticket on the Mo. Pac. R. R. to Maplewood and for another quarter of a dollar you have your baggage brought to the house. Persons who wish to have a home here while at the Fair can address a postal to A. J. Wolfe, 3306 Oxford Ave.

Persons in our party: Miss Eva Moyer, Rebecca Moyer, H. Bruce Moyer, Centre Hall; Sarah Moyer Boone, Booneville; Gertrude W. Wieland, Linden Hall; Miss Anna Smith, Smithtown, and Mrs. Corman.

### A. N. CORMAN.

Mrs. SUSAN GRIMM WALTER—died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Aikens, near Milesburg, Monday morning, July 11th. She is survived by two brothers, John and Adam, both of Kansas; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Nestlerode, of Madisonburg; Mrs. Wm. B. Shaffer, of Zion; and Mrs. Dena Hockman, of Hartleton; one son, W. Scott Walter, of Milesburg; three daughters Mrs. J. Aikens, Milesburg; Mrs. H. W. Stove, Germantown; and Mrs. Mary Walker, Yarnell. Interment Wednesday forenoon.

The chairman of the executive committee for the Williams reunion requests a meeting of all the heads of the families of the clan, at Sagar Grove, on Saturday July 16, at 5:30. The object of the meeting is to arrange for the next reunion, as to time, place, and other matters of general interest. It is hoped that there will be a large representation, and that the interest manifested heretofore will not wane, and that the next reunion will be further reaching, larger and better than any of the previous ones. The members of the executive committee in particular, are requested to attend.