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EDITORIAL.

BELLEFONTE has a lonely Taft banner stretched across one of the streets, and it was put aloft by a federal official, Revenue Collector Reese who is eager for a retribution.

ALL the policies inaugurated by Roosevelt were advocated for many years by Bryan. Had he been elected when previously a candidate, the trusts and corporations would have been kept in control and not be dominating the country as they now are.

The nomination of William Jennings Bryan for president, was hailed by the Democracy of this county with delight. He was the choice of the rank and file by large odds, and since the nomination not a word of dissent is heard—it is a unanimous acceptance and approval.

The Democratic state committee met in Harrisburg on Tuesday, July 22nd, for the purpose of electing a state chairman and transacting other business. On this occasion a lively scrap ensued between the Guffey forces and national committee man James Kerr, for the leadership in this state. Guffey made the fight of his life to retain his waning prestige.

THE WORK of the Denver convention fills the wishes and expectations of the Centre county democracy—as it does of the rest of the country—to the utmost measure by the unanimous nomination of William Jennings Bryan for President. It is admitted by the leading organs of the republican party that it was the greatest national convention ever held. It was never exceeded in the world for enthusiasm and patriotic work. The nomination of Bryan and Kern is hailed throughout the United States with unprecedented accord by the democratic hosts, and the platform is admitted a model of sound principle, that even the opposite party cannot find in it a line to quibble over.

PENN HALL.

A very destructive hail storm passed over this part of the county on Monday doing much damage to the crops.

Mrs. T. M. Fisher is at present entertaining her aunt, Mrs. Sanky, of Millheim.

James Finkle and lady friend, Clara Condo, spent Sunday at Penn Cave.

Rae Houtz spent Sunday at Swengle, visiting her many friends.

Mrs. John Hartman and Mrs. Wm. Swann, of Millheim, took supper at the home of Luther Musser, on Friday.

Sarah Condo spent Sunday at the home of her friend, Maud Corman.

Violette Wolf, of Rebersburg, has been elected a teacher of the town school.

F. D. Hosterman and wife are at present visiting friends at Boalsburg.

Rev. B. R. Sheeder visited at the home of D. J. Musser, Sunday.

D. J. Musser, one of Penn Hall's oldest residents, is seriously ill at his home east of town; his ailments are due to old age.

Mrs. W. H. Sinkabin visited her aged grandmother, Mrs. M. L. Rishel.

Mayme Bartley Sundayed at the home of her parents at Spring Mills.

Cavil Rice, who had been employed by E. H. Shook, has left for his home in Virginia, will be missed by his many friends and by some of the girls.

J. Philip Shook, accompanied by his brother, are taking in the sights at Atlantic City.

Harry Ulrich spent several days at Bellefonte with his sister, Mrs. John Eckle.

Ella Condo is visiting her many friends at Manor Hill.

Edwin Musser, who had been spending his vacation in Williamsport, has returned home.

Mrs. Luther Musser is at present entertaining her niece, Miss Ott, of Bellefonte.

THE PLATFORM

The Philadelphia Record makes the following comment on the recent Democratic Platform, adopted at Denver:

The Denver platform is in all essentials a sound, Democratic document, free from everything calculated to get on the nerves of people who own their houses, or even the securities of corporations.

Every Democrat may support it without violating party traditions or stultifying himself, even if he supported Palmer and Buckner twelve years ago.

There are details which are open to debate within the party. No platform can bind the political conscience of every individual in the party on every point.

But in its general features this platform embodies the doctrines of the Democratic party, and it is free from Populism; it is no menace to property, corporations or the Courts.

Furthermore, it has the great merit of being specific; it indicates the particular measures necessary to attain the ends in view.

In its opening paragraphs the platform states that the overshadowing issue which manifests itself in all the questions now under discussion is "Shall the people rule?"

That is the issue because, according to the Republican practice, the President shall rule, or the Speaker of the house shall rule, and especially those powerful interests which have grown up under the fostering care of the Republican party shall rule.

On the subject of public expenditures, which Republican extravagance has forced to the front, the platform insists "upon the strictest economy in every department compatible with frugal and efficient administration."

On the tariff it declares for "the immediate reduction of import duties." Going into detail, it says that goods competing with Trust products shall be put on the free list.

Domestic competition having been in great measures suppressed, there must be foreign competition to restrain the Trusts from oppression. Duties on the necessities of life must be reduced, and duties on articles competing with products that are sold more cheaply abroad than at home must be reduced.

In regard to Trusts it is demanded that "community of interests" shall be restrained by a law preventing a duplication of directors among competing companies, and that interstate corporations shall sell to all purchasers on the same terms.

This would apply to these corporations the common law rule that applies to transportation.

It is demanded that the Interstate Commerce Commission shall have more ample power to enforce reasonable and just rates, which is simply to make effective the principles of the law enacted twenty-one years ago.

It is demanded that the partnership between the corporations and the Government shall be dissolved by forbidding campaign contributions from corporations, and that individual contributions shall be made public before the election, that the people may know who are acquiring mortgages on the political organizations.

It affirms the rights of the States within their own sphere and that of the Federal Government in its sphere.

"There is no twilight zone between the nation and the State in which exploiting interests can take refuge from both."

The platform as a whole is one that all Democrats can stand on.

ROOSEVELT EXTRAVAGANCE.

Official figures compiled by the clerks of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations show that expenditures aggregating \$1,008,397,543.56 were authorized at the last session of Congress.

These are the heaviest appropriations ever made in time of peace.

When the country was astonished at the spectacle of a Billion Dollar Congress Speaker Reed could offer no excuse except a plea that this had become a Billion Dollar country.

But under the Roosevelt regime we have attained the Two Billion Dollar Congress, which appropriates a thousand millions at each annual session.

The appropriations during the last four years of Rooseveltism have mounted up to \$3,425,000,000, or \$33,900,000 more than during four years of civil war.

In a recent statement to The World, Representative James A. Tawney, Republican Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, asserted that "almost 65 per cent. of the Government's revenues, exclusive of postal receipts, is to-day being spent to meet the cost of wars past and anticipated."

In an article prepared for the anniversary number of The World Senator Allison, the venerable Republican Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations showed that since 1853 there had come an annual increase of \$51,000,000 in expenditures for the army, an annual increase of \$34,000,000 for the navy and an annual increase of \$30,000,000 for pensions.

These three items alone represent a total of \$381,000,000 in the appropriations authorized at the recent session of Congress.

This is an annual tax of more than \$4.50 on every man, woman and child in the United States for army, navy and pensions alone. It represents an average of \$22.50 for each family for more than half the average month's earnings of the American laborer in the period of highest prosperity.

Mr. Roosevelt has been President of the United States for nearly seven years. Who can recall a single bill that he ever vetoed on the ground of extravagance? Who can remember a single instance in which he firmly protested against the unnecessary expenditure of public money? Who can recall a single message in which he took a strong, uncompromising position in support of public economy?

His has been the most reckless and thrift Administration ever known in time of peace, and while the Democratic platform properly denounces "heedless waste of the people's money" the declaration is less aggressive than the facts demand.

There never was a better time for the Democratic party to raise Mr. Tilden's most effective issue of Retrenchment and Reform.—World.

OVER THE COUNTY.

Dr. S. M. Huff, of Milesburg, has been promoted to hospital steward, 5th Regt. Inf., N. G. P.

Mrs. Samuel Stamm, of Hogaton, spent the past two weeks at the home of Wm. Clevenstine, and wife at Zion.

The Millheim Knitting Mills whistle is heard again, after the mills had been closed down for several weeks while making repairs.

The supervisors of townships are advertising for bids for the construction of abutments for the new iron bridge across Pine creek at Woodward.

Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Derstine, accompanied by their little daughter Marguerite have been at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Sarah Derstine, in Centre Hall.

Daniel McBride, who has been visiting his sister at Shiloh during the past month, left for Poughkeepsie, New York on special duty for the Harvester company.

Levy Johnson, of Chicago, joined his wife and mother, Mrs. Mary Nolan, at Snow Shoe, where they spent a short time before returning to Bellefonte to complete their visit.

The Presbyterian Sunday school of Buffalo Run will hold a festival at the church on Saturday evening, August 8th. Choice refreshments will be served; all are invited.

Reports from the hospital at Philadelphia indicate that Charles Weaver, of Linden Hall, who underwent an operation for appendicitis, is improving. This is Mr. Weaver's own report by letter.

George W. Spangler, the well known Democrat of the south side, Potter twp., has been seriously ill for several weeks. His condition at present remains about the same, his recovery being very much in doubt.

It is gratifying to say that the general health of the county has been excellent during this entire season. May it ever be so, although our corps of able physicians may not fully join in the wish.

Wm. C. Farner, of Colyer, is entertaining Mrs. Thomas F. Farner, his daughter-in-law, and little granddaughter, Marion. They will remain in the country during the hot weather, and enjoy country life.

Bruce Rowe is in Centre Hall from Philadelphia to recuperate. He is engaged with the drug firm of Powers, Weightman & Rosengarten, on 9th and Parish streets. He expects to return again in a short time.

The many friends of Miss Effie Glenn, of Pine Grove Mills, will be glad to learn of her improvement at the White Haven sanitarium, where she gained many pounds in weight and expects to be able to return home soon.

The members of the United Evangelical church of Woodward will hold a festival at that place Saturday evening, July 25. Ice cream, cakes and fruits in season will be served. Music by the Coburn band. The proceeds are for the benefit of the church.

There will be a festival held on the lawn in front of the United Evangelical church at Madisonburg by the members of the church on Saturday evening, July 25. The usual refreshments, such as ice cream, lemonade, cakes, etc., will be served. Everybody is invited.

Rev. Ward K. Shultz, of Mexico, Juniata county, who was operated on for appendicitis at a Baltimore hospital, is recovering. Mrs. Shultz had intended coming to Centre Hall to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keller, but the sickness of her husband prevented it at this time.

Jonathan Hess, is seriously ill with heart trouble, at his home in the Lumber city. He is a member of one of Ferguson township's representative families.

Away back in the eighties he was engaged in the mercantile business and his many friends are sorry to learn of his illness.

Mrs. Cora Hall, nee Love, who was elected to teach one of the public schools in Potter township, sent in her resignation, she having been appointed by the government to teach in the Apache Reservation, in Arizona, at a salary equal to about twice that of a township school teacher.

Judge David L. Krebs and wife, of Clearfield, spent a few days recently among the friends of their youth, in Ferguson township and made an inspection of the old Pine Grove academy, where the judge laid the foundation of his education. His many friends are always glad to see him as well as his wife.

Farmer John W. Homan of College township had the scare of his life recently. While driving his binder across one of his fields the ground suddenly gave way and as he felt the machine going down he applied the whip to his team and by their quick response he was saved from taking an unexpected trip. The sink hole is over 20 feet deep.

After an absence from Centre county for twenty-five or more years, Mrs. Sallie Shirk, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Benner Shirk, is making her first visit in Centre Hall in seventeen years. She will remain until fall. Mrs. Shirk is a sister-in-law of Mrs. B. D. Brislin, at whose home a part of the time of her stay in the east will be spent.

Rev. D. J. Mitterling, D. D., of Madison, South Dakota, accompanied by his wife, arrived in Centre Hall last week and will remain for two weeks, guests of J. W. Mitterling and family. Dr. Mitterling is serving a Presbyterian charge in South Dakota, having gone north from Iowa where he was located for several years.

A. G. Noll and William Parker, of Nittany Mountain, are in camp at Gettysburg with Co. B, Fifth Regiment, N. G. P.

The M. E. church, of Fillmore, will hold a festival on Saturday evening, Aug. 2. Ice cream and other refreshments will be served. Everybody invited.

After an absence of fourteen years from Centre Hall, which time has been in Allegheny, John F. Mullen came to Centre Hall to see old friends and relatives.

Rev. Elkanah M. Duck, of Mountville, New Jersey, and sister, Miss Bertha O. Duck, of Spring Mills, July 4th, sailed for Europe on the Princess Irene of the North German Lloyd Line.

Dr. William Frear and Prof. Milton S. McDowell, of State College, left recently for Lancaster, where they attended the first of a series of prosecutions brought by the State Pure Food department against a number of dealers in fertilizers. From Lancaster they went to Reading, Lebanon, Harrisburg, Huntingdon and Clearfield.

The Centennial S. S. at Stormstown, will hold a basket picnic in the grove of H. B. Waite, on the first Saturday of August, to which several schools have been invited. An address will be delivered by Rev. G. W. Shires. The music will be furnished by the Warrior's Mark band. There will be ice cream, tropical fruits, and other delicacies of the season served. A general invitation is extended to come and have a good time.

Florence Kerstetter, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Kerstetter, of Penn township, met with a severe accident while playing at the barn of Sol Lingle, near her home. A hay wagon had just been unloaded and was being backed out of the barn floor, when one of the wheels struck the large barn door, knocked it off its hinges, and in falling struck the girl, breaking her right leg.

The first annual picnic under the auspices of the Centre and Clinton leagues is being held to-day at the Snow Shoe park and there will be plenty of amusements for all who attend. This morning the Woolrich and Mill Hall clubs will play and in the afternoon the Howard and Beech Creek clubs will do battle. Besides the ball games there will be horse racing, dancing in the pavilion and concerts by a first class band.

The following officers were installed by D. G. C. R. U. Bitner, in Centre Hall Castle K. G. E., Friday evening: Past chief, W. F. Floray; Noble chief, Wm. Colyer; Vice chief, J. H. Knarr; High priest, W. E. Lee; Venerable hermit, W. Bland; Sir herald, M. Bradford; Worthy Bard, G. Snyder; Worthy Chamberlain, Roy Kuhn; Ensign, S. Burris; Esquire, W. Horner; First Guardsman, J. Martz, Sr.; Second Guardsman, J. Lingle.

One day while Mrs. Haffley, mother of a Benjamin and William Haffley, of Aaronburg, was in the summer house connected with her home, she accidentally fell and was unable to rise. Mrs. Wm. Haffley found her and carried her into the house. At first it was thought that she had received a paralytic stroke, but when a physician was called it was discovered that her hip was broken. Mrs. Haffley's age is 97 years and there is small hope for her recovery.

John Myers, the butcher at Millheim discovered the other afternoon that he had lost his gold watch. A search was made around the meat market and slaughter house but without success. In the evening Mr. Myers went to the stable to feed his horses where he discovered the missing watch hanging on the harness. He had been peevish that meat that day and when he took the harness off the horses, the watch fob caught in the flynet and was pulled out of his pocket.

Charles H. Hosterman has moved from Sober to Buffalo, where he will engage in baking.

Mr. and Mrs. Arney Lee, and children, of Pittsburgh, are being entertained by the former's mother, Mrs. Laura Lee, in Centre Hall.

Mrs. Willet Hosterman and children and Mrs. Oliver Hosterman, of Buffalo, are visiting at the home of C. W. Hosterman, at Woodward.

H. B. Meek, Jacob Knisely, Joseph Harvey, Harry Sauer, Dr. Fred Robinson, Henry Grim, I. C. Holmes and Megginny Hood, all of State College, composed a camping party in the narrow north of Millheim, last week.

J. S. Myers, of Gatesburg, has just completed the rebuilding of the large barn of D. L. Meek at Vaddies, which was recently destroyed by fire. Mr. Myers is an all round man as a contractor and builder and his services are constantly in demand.

Mrs. Susan Fichtorn, of Manorville, Armstrong county, is visiting Menassa Geiss, of Spring Mills. Mrs. Fichtorn will remain for a considerable part of the summer, and then expects to go to the home of her brother, Dr. Charles R. Letzell, at Derry, where she will stay for some time.

The famous Baileyville picnic will be held Saturday, Aug. 8 and will be as of yore a basket picnic. Company F, Forty-fifth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, will hold its annual reunion on that date and among the orators are Dr. E. E. Sparks, president of the College, Gen. Beaver and J. C. Meyer.

The following are the officers installed for the ensuing term for Millheim castle, No. 353, K. G. E.:

P. C. Lloyd Stover; N. C.—R. H. Breen; V. C.—D. S. Musser; H. P.—C. G. Hassinger; V. H.—T. K. Frank; M. of R.—S. Weiser; C. of E.—E. E. Knarr; K. of E.—J. H. B. Hartman; Sir H.—J. W. Reifsnnyder; W. B.—C. H. Breen; W. C.—Chas. H. Breen; Ensign—H. H. Letzell; Esquire—Harry Mench; 1st Guardsman—Harry Hassinger; 2nd Guardsman—Harry Shires.

The second reunion of the Penn Hall-Spring Mills Academy Alumni Association will be held at Spring Mills on Thursday, August 6. It will be for the purpose of renewing old acquaintanceship of those who sat at the feet of Dr. D. M. Wolf and learned of him. A good time is expected.

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Miss A. Mae Kreamer, of Lebanon, is being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kreamer, east of Centre Hall.

The Millheim school board elected Christ Woodling janitor for the coming school year. The tax rate was also fixed, as follows: Building, three and one-half mills; school, seven mills.

Marie Myers, whose summer residence is at Martha, and cousin Bertha Hunter, of Ashville, North Carolina, left last week to visit uncles and aunts in Bellefont, Cresson, Johnstown and Windber.

The Rev. R. W. Illingworth, of Camden, N. J., filled the pulpit at the State College Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and evening. He is a brilliant young man, and the people were well pleased with his discourse.

Wm. Roush, of Pine Grove Mills, a health officer, was in Boalsburg recently examining the reservoir which supplies Boalsburg with water and found it in a bad condition. Workmen were engaged at once to cleanse and purify it.

Mrs. Matilda Williams, well known to many residents of Pennsylvally, who on the 12th, of April received a paralytic stroke while at the home of John A. Grenoble, at Yeagertown, was taken to the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Brown, in Huntingdon, and is now improving.

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