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PROTEST AGAINST BOSSES.

On the outside page will be found a brief report of the recent independent convention held in Philadelphia last Thursday, which will be known as the "Keystone Party" in the coming campaign in Pennsylvania. Along with the report is published the complete platform adopted. This convention had delegates present from 51 of the 67 counties in the State, and over two-thirds of these always have been, and likely will continue, Republicans on national issues; the balance were Democrats, with a few Prohibitionists. As a body of delegates the convention was far above the average old party gatherings, and was composed of representative citizens of the Commonwealth, of marked intelligence and culture; men who were free from the slum strife of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh with their familiar bloated bellies and heavy-lidded eyes, so common in both the Republican and Democratic State conventions. From other districts the best element was represented—moral, sober, independent, intelligent, determined body of men.

The purpose of this gathering was a united expression in an organized and well-defined movement to free Pennsylvania, and the two old parties, from boss rule and domination by the liquor people, as occurred, they allege, in the naming of Grim, and Tener, for governor.

There is no denying the fact that there is great dissatisfaction over the State in the methods employed by both party conventions. The Allentown convention was a farce; the withdrawal of Munson disgusted the rank and file, and was accomplished by a set of political sandbaggers in the councils of the party. Grim is regarded a small man for an executive of Pennsylvania.

The nomination of Tener for governor, by the Republicans, was a burlesque in a civilized community where a representative form of government is supposed to exist. It was so ridiculous as to be amusing—Boss Penrose a few days prior announced who would be named and none had the courage to protest—when scores of better men could have been chosen, of recognized ability, who would have done credit to their party, and been an honor to their State as well.

The above in a general way outlines the causes that inspired this Keystone Party organization. What it will accomplish remains for the future. Believing that part of the mission of a newspaper is to furnish information, and that our readers may draw their own conclusions, we herewith publish some extracts from leading papers on the political situation in Pennsylvania and their views on the Keystone Party:

(The first article is from the Pittsburgh Post, a Democratic paper that voices the sentiment of James J. Guffey, and the "Democratic organization.")—Ed.

THIRD PARTY FIASCO.

When the third parties named at Philadelphia former State Treasurer W. H. Berry for governor their movement collapsed. It was an assemblage in which soreheads, chronic office-seekers and reformers for revenue dominated, and, as was easily surmised, they selected a type for the chief candidacy. From ordinary foresight the third party scheme could only advance the prospects of the Penrose gang, whose defeat was its ostensible purpose to compass. Now that Berry becomes the nominee this diversion of strength from the genuine party of reform is reduced to a minimum and the true independent is confronted with the easily-solved question of his sensible alignment to effect his honest desire for the eradication of corrupt bossism. It must be with the Democratic party.

Former Mayor Berry was swept into office on a reform wave, and during his official tenure the State capitol steal was exposed. There will be no detraction from whatever credit is due to him in those premises. But, as many have suffered before, the appetite for office assailed him, until it has become as dire an affliction as the thirst for whisky, which he would favor ineffective and un-Democratic methods to suppress. His wild ambitions swelled until he clamored for the vice presidency at Denver. But recently at Allentown he was willing to forego his prohibition crankism if a regular Democratic convention would nominate him for governor. He received, in fact, one-third the votes of that body, and now in his jilted moments is willing to betray and demoralize, to his feeble extent, that party's battle array. No cause is suffering that evokes Mr. Berry's protest; no chicanery has made him its victim. Nothing but the quenchless craving for office compels him to abandon the principles which guide honorable men.

He is an advocate of fads such as the recall, and the single tax, a theory which two centuries ago the physiocrats of France, in modified form,

tried and tossed aside. Among the farmers of Pennsylvania, where Democratic strength abides, this Georgian might mean suicide. This entire devotion of concern to the issue of the third ticket is advisedly given because the whole substance and inspiration of such a movement must be found in the standard bearer. If there be a strain of bitterness in all this, it comes not from any displeasure with the nomination itself, but from nausea over the antics. Mr. Berry constitutes the agitation and we rejoice that the menace to Democratic success is so negligible.

(The next article is from an independent Republican paper, the Philadelphia North American, that fearlessly says what it thinks, and is worthy of consideration.—Ed.)

THE INDEPENDENT TICKET.

We have had no relations whatever with any one of the three principal State conventions, either directly or indirectly. Neither have we desired or sought to advise a single delegate, or to the course he should pursue. We stand today in the same relation to the tickets presented by the Republicans, the Democrats and the independents as does each one of the 500, 000 individual voters of the State. Our interest is entirely impersonal. The Democratic convention, which was controlled by Penrose and the liquor interests, nominated a ticket of such inferior quality that we cannot give it any kind of support. The Republican convention, which photographed the commands of Penrose, backed by contracting liquor and other dangerous interests, named candidates of such feeble ability and some of such uncertain character as to compel us to oppose the ticket.

The independent convention, under the name of the Keystone Party, on Thursday nominated a ticket which, though infinitely superior to either of the other two, is not one which we would have selected had the choice been with us. The platform adopted is excellent in many respects, but it omits several planks which we would have recommended if we had been advising the convention. Still, we believe that the convention, composed of representatives of the best citizenship of Pennsylvania, did its very best to meet a difficult situation.

Henry C. Niles, chairman of the convention, did not overstate the case when he said that the spirit behind the movement which was finding expression through the convention was "but the patriotism and good sense of the people, and truth and right, and the Lord God Almighty."

Believing this to be true, this newspaper will support the ticket nominated—Berry, Gibbons, Scully and Casey. That party is primarily a protest against the political abuses in Pennsylvania, and is not in its essential meaning a part of the larger movement. Yet the very political abuses which called the Keystone Party into being are the greatest obstacle in this State to the growth of the larger movement for economic and social progress.

We offer these few words now that no one may be in doubt as to what our position is. A little later we shall discuss the issues of this campaign in detail after the manner of The North American. At that time we shall try to do two things: First, to make it clear to every reasoning reader that it is his duty to help raise the sunken face of this State by voting against the twin tickets of corrupting and looting special interests.

Second, to tear the mask of deceit and hypocrisy from a bunch of gang tools who for a long while have been going about in the livery of reform and giving to Penrose their best services. (There are few men in Pennsylvania who enjoy the public confidence to a higher degree than just plain "Farmer" William T. Creasy. He gives his views in the "Grange News" this month, from which the following is an extract.—Ed.)

LIQUOR RUNS POLITICS.

"Whose governor? Let us answer the question promptly. The election of Webster Grim, candidate of the Allentown convention, or the election of John K. Tener, who was selected to head the ticket of his personally owned party by Senator Penrose, would mean, beyond peradventure, that the next governor of Pennsylvania would be the property of liquor. That's whose governor.

"We do not make this statement carelessly, but with the feeling of sadness which comes from knowledge of a fact. The politics of Pennsylvania at the present date is as nearly absolutely in the hands of liquor as it is possible for it to be. It is a matter of seriousness when any special interest gains control of politics, but it is far more serious when such control is in the hands of an interest which is degrading in its aspect.

"The first State convention was held in Allentown. I was there. It was rotten. Can you imagine a man coming into your home and at the point of a pistol relieving you of your valuables, then laughing in your face? Can you imagine that? Well, that's just about the way the liquor interests 'got away' with the honest element of Pennsylvania's Democracy at Allentown. Not a word derogatory against the character of Webster Grim, whom they nominated for governor. Personally he is a young fellow of good repute and pleasing personality. But, like Caesar, he is ambitious.

"Webster Grim wrote to me, a week before the Allentown convention: 'I have always stood upon everything advocated by the grange except that I have taken no stand on the local option question.' No comment is necessary.

"The Republican convention at Harrisburg was a greater victory for liquor than the convention at Allentown. At Harrisburg the candidate whom the liquor trust handed to Penrose was put through the well-greased convention without so much as a peep from the assembled delegates. Both Mr. Tener and Mr. Grim have issued statements to the people asking to be trusted to do the right thing without specific promises, and their statements are as susceptible of different interpretations as the platforms of the parties upon which they stand."

(The following appeared in the "Grange News," July number, as a leading, displayed article on the title page, and voices the Grange sentiment.—Ed.)

TIME FOR ACTION IS HERE.

The people of Pennsylvania have been reading newspapers during the past few weeks. If they are possessed of the minutest ability to discriminate between right and wrong, if they are in the smallest degree alive to the

necessity of good government; if they are loyalhearted, true American citizens, as they are united in the conviction that Pennsylvania politics is at this present writing in the hands of political cut-throats and pirates that make the ancient characters of the Spanish main look like rank pikers. Events of the past month have proved that the welfare of Pennsylvania in state affairs is not safe in the hands of the men who control the machinery of either the Democratic or Republican party.

Between the two big parties in the state there is an unholy alliance, and that alliance is made by one thing—greed. It is greed that holds together the leaders of the Republican party with the Democratic party. It is greed that allowed the Democratic state convention at Allentown to be dominated and controlled by men who are neither Republicans nor Democrats in the traditions of the parties but who are political Captain Kidds, seeking only the means that will keep the people of the state enthralled. The Republican state convention at Harrisburg was a farce of the first water and the actors were divided into groups just like those used on the stages of the syndicate play houses—stars (the eminently respectable ones), lesser lights (those who seek the favor of the bosses), and supernos (those sought-for individuals who were called delegates).

How long will the decent, intelligent people of Pennsylvania continue to permit this sort of thing? There is a war in progress in this country today. It is the fight of the dollar against the man. On which side are you? If you are for the dollar, then stick with the pirates for you might, possibly, get some of the crumbs from their tables of grog, loans and masters. If you are for the man, shake off the spectre which enthalls you and get in the fight. The traditions of both big political parties have been utterly disregarded by the bosses of the people, advocating as its most important reform the principle of true democracy the inactive and referendum? Let us hear from you right now.

WEDDINGS.

Lannen-Young. J. Frank Lannen, of Fleming, and Flora E. Young, of Bellefonte, were quietly united in marriage at his home in Milesburg on Thursday by Justice of the Peace Thomas B. Johnson. The groom is an industrious and well known young man of Unionville, while the bride is a pretty and favorably known young lady of this community.

Watson-Davis. On Tuesday evening of last week a very pretty wedding took place at the home of Harry Watson, at Snow Shoe, when his son, Norman, and Miss Mary Davis were united in holy matrimony. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. A. Meredith, of the Messiah church. We wish them much happiness in the new life they have taken.

Miller-Pacini. A quiet but pretty wedding ceremony was solemnized on Saturday afternoon, July 23, about 4 o'clock when Miss Mary Pacini, a well known young lady of Bellefonte, and Louis A. Miller, of Williamsport, were united in holy matrimony by Rev. Father McArdle, at the parish house of St. John's Catholic church. The ceremony was witnessed by only the immediate relatives and one or two invited guests. Following the ceremony an informal reception was held and an excellent wedding supper was served at the bride's home on South Allegheny street. The happy couple left on the evening train over the Central Pennsylvania railroad for Williamsport, where they will at once go to housekeeping in their own cozily furnished home.

McCoy-Turner. On Thursday evening a quiet but pretty wedding took place at the parish house of the Bellefonte St. John's Catholic church. The contracting parties were Charles McCoy and Miss Carrie Mae Turner, both of Bellefonte. The matrimonial services were witnessed by only a few relatives and intimate friends of both families. The groom is an industrious young man, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCoy, of Thomas street. For some time past he has been driving the wagon for the City laundry and in that capacity is very prompt and obliging to the trade. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Turner, and is quite well known here. She is an attractive young lady and as a wife there can be no better. It is hoped that they may live long to enjoy the happiness that is attached to married life.

Supervisors' Meeting. The Centre Co. Supervisors' Association met last evening at the Home at Bellefonte, on Saturday, August 6th at 10 o'clock, a. m., and it is hoped that a goodly number will be in attendance, as business of importance will be transacted. Austin Curtin, Pres. and Frank Wlan, Sec'y.

—On Tuesday evening Mrs. Dukeman, wife of Policeman Harry Dukeman, fell off the porch at her home on Lamb street, and broke her right arm near the elbow. She was in the act of placing a stool on the porch for a little child when it slipped off the edge onto the concrete pavement. Mrs. Dukeman went with it with the above unfortunate result.

NEW PARTY PLATFORM.

(Continued from last page.) equitable system whereby the victims of the risks of business operation shall be insured prompt and just compensation; reducing the uncertainty and needless loss of damage litigation, and protecting the community from the charge of charity of the injured and their dependents, which should be borne by the business in which the earning capacity of the worker has been destroyed.

The movement for conservation of natural resources and to rescue the heritage of the whole people from craft and greed of unworthy public officials acting in treacherous subservency to dishonest wealth.

We invite the support of the patriotic, the true and the brave in his battle for honesty, justice and righteousness in our great Commonwealth.

RECENT DEATHS.

MOTTER.—Mrs. Catharine Decker Motter, wife of William Motter, died at her home in Georges valley on Monday, July 18. She had been ailing for some time with dropsical trouble. She was a daughter of the late Green Decker and was 35 years and 9 months old. In addition to her husband she is survived by six children: Naomi, Ernest, Carl, Margaret, Gorman and Jesse, all at home. She also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Miss Ella, of New York; Miss Jennie, Thomas, Colonel and Dolan, of Spring Mills; Scott, of South Dakota, and Joseph, of North Dakota.

MORRISON.—Mrs. Iva Susanna Morrison, wife of Elmer S. Morrison, died at her home in Altoona on Tuesday morning July 26, after an illness of seven weeks. She was a daughter of Irvin and Clara Treaster and was born in Centre county on May 22nd, 1850. Several years ago she was married to Mr. Morrison and shortly thereafter they went to make their home in Altoona. In addition to her husband she is survived by one little daughter, Margaret; her mother, one brother and four sisters. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon; interment being made in the Rose Hill cemetery, that city.

EBBS.—George L. Ebbs, a former Centre county, died at his home in Oklahoma last Friday. He was about fifty-two years of age and was born in Loveville, this county, his parents being James and Elizabeth Ebbs. Most of his life was spent in Halfmoon township though some years ago he spent a brief time in Oklahoma. After returning east he lived on the Ebbs homestead near Loveville until about April first of this year when he went west again. He was a prominent Granger and well known through Centre and Huntingdon counties. He is survived by a wife and several children, one brother and two sisters.

RADEL.—Mrs. Lillian C. Radel, wife of G. W. Radel, station agent on the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad at Coburn, died on Thursday 21 of paralysis. Her maiden name was Grim and she was born in Northumberland county on February 2nd, 1863. She was stricken with paralysis on June 19th and had partially recovered when she had a second stroke which resulted in her death. In 1882 she was united in marriage to G. W. Radel who survives with the following children: Francis M., of Newberry; Eugene E., of Millersburg; George W., of Dalmatia; Mrs. J. Daniels, of Elizabethville; Mrs. F. Corman, of Scalp Level; Meta, Rebecca, Tryphena and Ada at home. Her aged mother, three brothers also survive. Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder, of the Lutheran church, officiated.

WOODRING.—Mrs. Nancy Woodring, one of the oldest residents of Port Matilda, died Friday night after an extended illness from diseases incident to her advanced age. She was 84 years of age and was born in Huntingdon county about the year 1828. She moved to Centre county where she has lived ever since. Up until the time of her last illness she was able to go around with considerable ease. Mrs. Woodring was a woman respected and loved by a large circle of friends, and in the community, where she so long resided will be greatly missed. Her surviving children are as follows: William, of Tyrone; Abram, of Port Matilda; George, of Bluefield, W. Va.; Mrs. Lillie Thomas, of Austin, and Harry, of Port Matilda. She is also survived by a brother and sister, George Halderman, of Ohio, and Mrs. Susan Stine, of Port Matilda. She leaves 41 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren. The funeral took place on Monday. Interment at Port Matilda.

LODATO.—On Friday Agostino Lodato died at his home on the corner of Bishop and Allegheny streets. A little over two weeks ago he attended a horse sale at the Haag Hotel for the purpose of making a purchase. While sitting on the fence, listening to the cries, he fell to the ground, in falling his spine was also injured. He was taken home and sometime afterwards he had another attack of apoplexy which finally caused his death. Last October he, with his family, came to Bellefonte and started two fruit stands. One on the corner of Bishop and Allegheny streets, which he conducted himself; and the other one was started on High street which is in charge of his son-in-law. The deceased was aged 51 years, 4 months and 17 days. He was born in Italy and was a very pleasant gentleman, and while here made many friends. He was often seen going through the streets pushing a cart containing fruit. He is survived by a family of excellent people. The funeral took place on Monday. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.

HEILMAN.—Mrs. Mary Heilman passed away at her home at Hellmandale, Lebanon county, at 2:20 o'clock, Monday morning, July 25, at the age of seventy-eight years, four months and seventeen days. She had been ailing for several years, due to a weak heart. Mrs. Heilman's maiden name was Mary Keller. She was the eldest daughter of John and Mary Keller, and was born near Centre Hall. Later they lived near Linden Hall. When seventeen years old she was married to Samuel Heilman, and moved to Hellmandale, where she resided ever since. Her husband died about twenty-nine years ago. The deceased was the last surviving member of the John Keller family. Her only brother, John Henry Keller, died in Kansas City, Kas., a few years ago. Her sister, Mrs. Katharine Wieland, died at Housburg, in August, 1907; her sister, Annie, wife of Dr. Stamm, died at Millheim, September 6, 1895. Mrs. Heilman was a life-long member of the Reformed church. Interment was made on Friday forenoon in the Heilman burial plot, in the cemetery adjoining the Hill church, at Hellmandale, where funeral services were held.

KERNS.—Samuel Kerns, a well known and highly respected resident of Bellefonte, died at the home of his son, Harry B. Kerns, on East Howard street, Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, following a lingering illness of about a year from chronic Bright's disease. Although he had been in ill health for the past year he had been confined to his bed exactly four months. Deceased was born in Sugar valley, near Madisonsburg, February 29, 1848, making his age 62 years, 5 months and 2 days. For many years past he had been a resident of Bellefonte and was held in high regard by his friends and associates. During his active life he was engaged in various pursuits as a laborer, being a well known gardener, for some years or until forced to quit active work by ill health, he was a consistent member of the Evangelical

church. His wife preceded him to the grave a little over four years ago, leaving the following son and daughters to survive: Harry B., of Bellefonte; Minnie, wife of T. F. Meyer, of Millheim, and Jeannette, wife of Harry Auman, also, of Millheim. Funeral services were held Wednesday from his late home on Howard street, conducted by Rev. J. F. Hower. Interment in the Union cemetery.

KELLER.—James A. Keller died this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Fisher, at Penn Hall. He was a native of Potter township, and by occupation a farmer on the homestead near Centre Hall, the farm where he was born and on which he resided. He was born June 10, 1843, and was a prominent and useful citizen of most excellent repute. He was prominent in the grange, and secretary of the county grange insurance company, and an active member of the Reformed church. (This death occurred as we go to press.)

Public Sale. The undersigned will offer at his residence at State College, Pa., on August 13, 1910, at 1 p. m., lot of household goods, which are as good as new; also an auto self-playing piano and records, buggy, harness, etc. Wm. Custard, State College. L. F. Roan, auct.

Preaching services in the United Brethren churches for Sunday, the 7th: Houserville at 10:30 a. m.; Valley View at 7:30 p. m.; by the pastor, Rev. E. Harvey Swank.

Special Examinations. One of the busiest men just now is Prof. D. O. Eppers, of State College, superintendent of public instruction in Centre county. During the last few weeks he has been holding special examinations in Bellefonte and State College. On Monday he held a provisional examination in Bellefonte which was attended by John A. Wetzel, Rebersburg; Miss Beale Mallory, Rebersburg; Flo. Bressler, Tyrone, and Edna Royer, Osceola Mills. On Tuesday he held another examination here for professional certificates. Those who were present were Charles Royer and William Haney, of Spring Mills; E. R. Wolf, of Wolf's Store; Rhoda E. Weaver, of Gregg township; M. Ellen Loy, of Burnside township, and Edna Warren, of Osceola Mills, who stopped work and is now taking life

Marriage Licenses. William Morris, - - - Snow Shoe Mary M. Shope, - - - Snow Shoe Chas. J. McCoy, - - - Bellefonte Carrie M. Turner, - - - Bellefonte Samuel E. Broom, - - - Milesburg Catharine Confer, - - - Milesburg William A. Watson, - - - Bellefonte Minnie Rossmann, - - - Bellefonte Ray L. Lutz, - - - Zion Nannie R. Bathurst, - - - Curtin John A. Mulberger, - - - Bellefonte Mary Garman, - - - Bellefonte

That some men in Bellefonte are satisfied to take what they can get, and others aren't satisfied until they can get all they can take.

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