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## TWO DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTIONS THERE WILL BE A JULY ONE AFTER DEMOCRAT TRAITORS

### A State Wide Demand For a Re-Organization—Guffey, Hall, Donnelly and Ryan Should Be Retired—Where is Centre County—Time to Act.

Chairman Dewalt of the Guffey-Hall-Donnelly-Penrose State committee and Chairman Guthrie of the McCormick-Palmer reorganized committee have each issued calls for meetings of the State committee in Harrisburg on Wednesday, July 19th, to elect a State chairman for 1912 and another Democratic party in Pennsylvania. It is said that the Guthrie element renealed all the public rooms in Harrisburg for the purpose of freezing out the Hall-Guffey bunch. It will be the proceedings in Harrisburg, and the proceedings of the two rival conventions will prove intensely interesting.

As the sentiment in Centre county against the Dewalt crowd was shown by the meagre vote cast for Grim for Governor last fall, any effort to place Centre county Democracy under the direction of the Dewalt-Grim-Guffey-Hall combination will be a misrepresentation pure and simple and who ever attempts it will have to answer to the people for such action.

We believe there is no reasonable doubt but that the rank and file of Centre county Democrats long ago were dissatisfied with the party organization under Jim Guffey and J. K. P. Hall, who have been proven political tricksters and trimmers, in close touch with Penrose and repeatedly betrayed their people.

Decent democrats years ago lost confidence in the Democratic organization under the control of Guffey and Brennan in Pittsburgh, J. K. P. Hall, of Elk county, and the Donnelly-Ryan bunch in Philadelphia. It has been a farce pure and simple and the average Democrat has been duped into giving such a rotten political bunch his honest support for years past.

Democrats of Centre county—men who love your commonwealth and believe in good government for the good of all people—where do you stand? Do you believe that the Guffeys, the Halls, the Donnellys and the Ryans shall continue to monopolize the Democracy of Pennsylvania for their own selfish ends? Do you believe that the unholy alliance between the Penrose machine and the Donnelly-Ryan machine should longer continue? Do you want clean men, with clean hands, and clean public records to direct the Democracy of Pennsylvania?

For this reason the Democracy of Centre county should see to it that we are properly represented at Harrisburg on July 19th. The time is here when we desire to have Democrats in Centre county express themselves on this point, and for that reason we will publish, with or without the name of the writer any legitimate communication, where do you stand? Do you believe that the Guffeys, the Halls, the Donnellys and the Ryans shall continue to monopolize the Democracy of Pennsylvania?

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## BRIDGE CONTRACT LET.

By the narrow margin of \$105 on one bid and \$93 on the other, the Ferro Concrete Co., of Harrisburg, won out in the letting of the two new county bridges which the commissioners are about to erect in Marion and Halfmoon townships, respectively. There were six contestants for the jobs, and on Friday the bids were opened at the commissioners' office, when it was found the Ferro company were the lowest in their estimates. Only one local contracting firm submitted bids, that of Knisley & Rhoads.

The proposed bridge in Halfmoon township will be located three miles west of Stormstown, leading to Penna. Furnace. That in Marion township midway between Jacksonville and Howard. The specifications call for concrete, and now that the awards have been made, work on same will be commenced at once.

The following gives the list of bidders and their estimates: Halfmoon Twp. bridge—Ferro Concrete Co., \$995; Rhoads & Knisley, \$1721.65; Nelson Co., \$1292; York Bridge Co., \$1740; Buchanan Co., \$1098.

Marion Twp. bridge—Ferro Concrete Co., \$1495; Rhoads & Knisley, \$1964; Nelson Co., \$2389; York Bridge Co., \$1975; Buchanan Co., \$1588; Boyce & Co., \$1753.92.

The above figures show a wide variation of opinion among the bidders as to what was a fair price for putting in the bridge, and it looks as if some "guessing" had been resorted to by those who figured the estimates. That, however, remains to be seen.

## WHO KNOWS HIM?

On Tuesday morning Chief of Police Dukeman received a letter from Wm. C. Wuerlich, corner of Joliet, Ill. asking information in regard to a man who was killed near that city, on the 31st of May. In the letter was also enclosed a clipping from a newspaper of that city, which gave particulars of the finding of the body of a man whose identity was unknown. The article stated that the body had been found along the railroad tracks, one mile west of Rockdale, Ill., and the supposition of the authorities is that he was either struck by a door on a passing freight train or had met with foul play, as he was in nowise mutilated. A letter was found on his person addressed to David Thomas, Mineoka, Ill., and was mailed from Bellefonte, Pa., May 14th, 9 a. m. The letter, however, bore no signature. In view of these facts the coroner who viewed the body thought that the man might possibly be from this place. In his letter that official described the man as being of sandy complexion, and enumerated a long list of tattoo marks which adorned the body.

All efforts on the part of the police and other officials in Bellefonte to locate the residence of a man of that name and the names of any persons in Pennsylvania who can give any information which might establish the identity of the dead man, should communicate with Chief Dukeman.

## Student Arrested.

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## Young Man Drowned.

On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Jerry P. Heverly, who reside on the Ridge, near Milesburg, received a telegram containing the sad news that their son Clarence had met with a fatal drowning accident in Lake Michigan. At this writing no details of the accident could be learned. He was the oldest of the family, being aged about 29 years. He had resided at Johnstown for a number of years, but last August left that city and located at Gary, Ind., where he was employed at the large steel plant. He is survived by his wife, his parents and three sisters. The remains were brought to the home of his parents on Wednesday and the funeral will probably be held today, interment to be made in the Trojany cemetery.

## Hospital Notes.

Operations: Mrs. Emma Kline, Miss Rebecca Boggs, Milesburg. Admitted for treatment: Philip Yarnan, Bellefonte. Discharged: Curtin Dunkleberger, Mrs. Jennie Miller, Bellefonte; Miss Josephine Rippey, Pittsburgh. In Miss Frances Shoppe, nurse on the sick list; Miss Vida Wetzel, nurse on vacation.

## Centre County Picnic.

The eighth annual basket picnic of the Centre County Association, of Philadelphia, will be held on Saturday, 2 P. M., June 24th, 1911, Belmont Mansion, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. Arrive early and bring your family and friends. Officers: Roland G. Curtin, president; Ira D. Garman, vice-president; S. Gray Matern, treasurer; J. C. C. Beale, secretary, N. E. Cor, 15th and Chestnut streets. Don't forget—last Saturday in June.

## Early Closing.

It has been announced that the principal retail stores in Bellefonte will close at 5 o'clock, P. M., beginning with June 15th and continue to September 15th, excepting Wednesday and Saturday.

At a meeting of the Board of Clinton County Commissioners on Wednesday 21st, bids were opened for the erection of a bridge across the Susquehanna river near McElhattan. After examining each bid the commissioners rejected them all.

## CONGRESSMAN PATTON RENEWS PLEDGES

### ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE POST OFFICE MUDDLE.

#### THE EMIGRANT IS CONFIDENT

Patton Makes a Visit to Encourage Williams' Friends—But "Windy Tom" Winks the Other Eye and Continues to Draw the "Velvet."

Last Friday Congressman Patton, of Curwensville, arrived in Bellefonte by automobile, claiming to be on pleasure jaunt. In very short time he was besieged at the Broeckerhoff House by all kinds of political satellites and advisors who want to solve the post office muddle in Bellefonte.

Mr. Patton seemed anxious to see the local statesmen, as more than one, in the past three months, has threatened his political head in this congressional district at the next election. The main topic of conversation was over the Bellefonte post office muddle and everyone wanted to know why all this suspense and delay, and why the sentiment of this community has so long been ignored.

In every instance he was profuse in his explanations and assurances that a change would come, because he had made a recommendation endorsing Samuel Williams and will stand for nothing else. He explained that the recommendation of Mr. Williams, like several hundred others, had been pushed aside, sidetracked for the time, in the U. S. Senate by other more important business for the time being; and that before adjournment of this session the wishes of Bellefonte postal patrons would be recognized. These and other fairy tales were spun by the yard, and many listened and believed.

He failed to relate how scores of postal appointments have been made since Williams' name was sent in. He failed to give one simple realistic explanation for the present situation, to those who can size up the muddle. He did not admit that he feared the "Big-a-boss" Penrose, and was taking his orders, in spite of sacred pledges made to his loyal friends in Bellefonte. The fact is, Patton is a weakling—he is mere puffy. He neither has the force of character or moral courage to assert his rights as a congressman. If he had, his friends in Bellefonte by this time would have a higher regard for him. For these reasons we doubt if our good neighbor, and old soldier, Sam Williams will ever receive any such recognition from his party. In the meantime the Dutch Emigrant from Snyder county remains on the smile than ever, apparently confident of drawing the "velvet" for "four years more;" and in the future when he lapses into those windy promises which may unfold to an anxious public just how he so cleverly cleaned up the entire local Republican organization.

## State College Statistics.

The annual catalogue of The Pennsylvania State College, issued shows a total attendance of 1,868, being an increase of 400 over the preceding year. The number of students has more than doubled in five years. Philadelphia county leads with 132 and Allegheny comes second with 127. Altoona, Schuylkill and Dauphin 75 follow in decreasing order. It is peculiarly a Pennsylvania institution, only 148 students coming from the other states and other countries. The School of Engineering leads with 400, followed by Agriculture, close second. There are 40 women students in the Department of Home Economics. The Faculty now numbers 169.

## G. A. R. at Scranton.

Adjutant Emanuel Noll, of Gregg Post, Bellefonte, represents that organization of veterans at the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic now encamped at Scranton. Robert Hudson and A. H. Waring, represented John W. Geary Post, Philadelphia, and Mrs. M. B. Adams and Mrs. T. C. Humberger have gone as representatives of the Sheridan Circle, of same place.

## Haag Show Tent Hit by Wind Storm.

The Mighty Haag show which exhibited in Bellefonte several weeks ago, struck a little with the Johnstown last Wednesday afternoon when their main tent was blown down by a severe wind storm, which old residents assert was one of the worst in the town's history. No serious accident resulted.

## More Strikes.

Eight hundred miners employed at the Hollanbach mines of the Lehigh & Wilkes Barre Coal company went on strike. Their grievance is alleged excessive dockage.

## Gigantic Fire Whistle.

A gigantic whistle, claimed to be the largest in the country, recently was installed at the Bessemer shop in Greenville. It is said it can be distinctly heard a distance of 20 miles. The steam pipe which produces this immense volume of sound is three inches in diameter.

## Gibboney Elected.

D. C. Gibboney was unanimously elected chairman of the Philadelphia committee of the Keystone party on Monday night. Delegates were present from nearly all of the forty-seven wards, including many men prominent in former reform fights.

## Will Review State College Cadets.

Nicolas de Urculeu, Military attaché to the Royal Spanish Legation, at Washington, will review the cadet regiment of the Pennsylvania State College, to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. This will be one of the big features of commencement week.

## A Correction.

The Resides re-union will be held at Hunters Park, on Saturday July 29th, instead of June 24th, as announced in this paper last week.

## JUNE BRIDES ARE IN POPULAR FAVOR

### MANY NUPTIAL EVENTS DURING THE WEEK.

## THE CURTIN-POTTER WEDDING

Was a Brilliant Social Event—Weddings in Other Parts of the County—Some Elaborate Ceremonies—Who They Are.

The wedding of Miss Thomazine Harris Potter, daughter of Margaret Mrs. James Harris Potter, and Mr. Hugh Laird Curtin, son of Mrs. Henry Roland Curtin, was solemnized at half after six o'clock Wednesday evening, June 7th, at the home of the bride's parents, Linn street, Bellefonte. The beautiful ceremony was performed by the Rev. John C. Hewitt, of the Episcopal church. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Janet Harris Potter, as maid of honor, and by Miss Katherine Curtin, sister of the groom, as bridesmaid. Mr. James C. Furst was the groom's bestman. The bride's gown was a white satin crepe de chine, trimmed in point applique lace and seed pearls. She wore the gift of the groom, a diamond and pearl brooch, and carried a bouquet of swainsonia. The maid of honor and bridesmaid wore gowns of pale marquisette, trimmed in forget-me-nots and white sweet-peas.

The decorations were American beauty roses, carnations and magnolia blossoms. These decorations were unusually beautiful and attracted much attention for their rich colorings and rare tints, and were supplied from the conservatory of Mrs. Stetson and Mrs. Geo. Potter. Mrs. Potter's gown was a smoke-colored marquisette, and Mrs. Curtin wore black chiffon.

At the bride's table, in addition to the bridal party, were Miss Edna Sloan, of Pittsburgh, Miss Margaret Sloan and Miss Elizabeth Gephart, of Bellefonte; Mr. Charles Clements, of Sunbury; Mr. Randolph Hoy, of Pittsburgh; Thomas Beaver and Harry Curtin.

Among the out-of-town guests were: Mrs. J. M. and Mrs. M. L. Sommerville, Miss Sommerville, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sommerville, of Winburne, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Somerville, and Miss Ellen Sommerville, of Crafton, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Sommerville, of Jersey Shore, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Potter, Baltimore, Md.; Miss Thomazine T. Potter, Elkins Park, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Henry Stetson, Elkins Park, Pa.; Mr. Chas. F. Clements, Sunbury, Pa.; Miss Edna Sloan, Mrs. J. M. Curtin, Mr. Randolph H. Hoy, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. J. Harris Hoy, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Snyder, of Snow Shoe, Pa.

The young couple departed on the evening train and after an absence of ten days, will be at home at Curtin, Pa., their future residence where Mr. Curtin is the manager of the famous "Curtin furnace" and rolling mills which for many years past, has been successful operation by the Curtin families. Mr. Curtin is an aggressive young business man who is popular in the county. The bride is the daughter of one of Bellefonte's foremost business men, and is a young lady of many graceful accomplishments, who has many friends to wish her happiness through life.

Owing to the prominence and popularity of the young couple the following were some of the social events for the week ending Saturday, June 10th: Saturday afternoon Mrs. Hugh N. Crider entertained in honor of the bride and groom; Monday evening Mrs. Mary Thomas entertained a large number at her home; Monday night a stag party was given at the Bellefonte Club, and a number of the bride's friends. Tuesday evening the gentlemen gave a reception and dinner at the Nittany Country club that was a pleasant affair. Wednesday afternoon Mrs. W. F. Reynolds gave a tea at her home on Linn street.

## Dry-Barlet.

One of the first of the pretty June weddings to take place in Bellefonte was that of Mr. Howard W. Dry of Tyrone, and Miss Mary B. Barlet, which pleasing event was held Thursday evening, June 1st, at the home of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. David Barlet, on Thomas street. Promptly at 4.30 the bridal party, attended by Misses Mary and Anna Hull, of Bellefonte, and Messrs. Neal Ben and M. M. Ginter, of Tyrone, were ushered into the tastefully arranged parlor, where Rev. C. W. Wines, of the United Brethren church, met them and gracefully spoke the words which joined them in the holy bonds of wedlock. A large number of guests were present to witness the ceremony, at the close of which a reception was held for the bride and groom. A delicious supper was served to those who were fortunate enough to be there, and about sixty plates were laid. In keeping with the high esteem in which the bride is held, a large number of beautiful and useful presents were bestowed upon her by her admiring friends. The newly-weds departed the next morning on a wedding tour to York, Philadelphia and Atlantic City, and upon their return will be at home on Logan avenue, Tyrone, when the groom has a home already furnished. Among the out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Clair Thompson, of Osceola Mills; Mrs. C. B. Page, Mrs. Reuben Page, and Miss E. J. Jarvis, of Linn Hall; Mrs. Gabe Page, of Blanchard; Rev. Emhizer and wife, of Beltsino; Mr. and Mrs. Grant Charles, Mrs. Wm. H. Stover and son John, and Mrs. Huston Shuey, of Bondsburg; Mrs. S. Barlet, Miss Olive Shoop, of Altoona, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smelter, of Hunter's Park.

## Young-Gates.

Charles M. Young and Miss Wilda E. Gates, both of Altoona, were united in marriage on Wednesday afternoon of last week at the parsonage of the Lutheran church in Hollidaysburg, by the pastor Rev. Thomas Reich. The bride was formerly a resident of Loveville, and is well and favorably known throughout Centre county.

## Igen-Larson.

At the Reform marriage Tuesday afternoon, June 6th, Mr. Wallace N. Igen a prosperous farmer, living east

## A REVIEW OF THE LAST LEGISLATURE

### MANY PROGRESSIVE MEASURES WERE SLAUGHTERED.

## IMPORTANT BILLS PASSED

#### A Machine-Controlled Assembly Defies Public Sentiment—What Was Done in the Session—Good Measures Smothered—Got What We Deserve.

The following is a brief review of the work done by the recent General Assembly of Pennsylvania. Only the most important bills passed or killed are mentioned. It gives a fair idea of the kind of material sent to Harrisburg to make laws and disburse our revenues:

When the legislature of 1911 adjourned there were approximately 700 bills awaiting action at the hands of Governor Tener. Almost as many measures had been put to death in the senate's "death chamber" by interest-serving senators. The bills that passed, the bills that were killed, together with the manner of their killing, furnish the facts that determine comparative value of the work done and the work left undone during the session.

The legislature, as a rule, worked from day to day without apparent policy or program. There were, however, several measures inherited by the legislature of 1911 from the session of 1909. These measures, it was announced when the session convened on January 2, would be passed before adjournment. One of these measures was the school code and another was the Sproul road bill. Both were passed and both have already been signed by the governor.

Neither of the two was in any way a party measure. They did not originate with party leaders, and were taken up by the organization only when public sentiment in their favor became too strong to be resisted. In the school code school laws were harmonized and the effort was made not only to create an organization that would make a school system possible, but at the same time give proper recognition to the advances made in the science of education during the past half century.

The Sproul road bill is the first real recognition that the state has given to the fact that "through service" on a highway is as much a matter of public concern as are direct connections upon railroads. The Sproul bill places "trunk line" highways under the direct control of the state and outlines, at least, a comprehensive system of thoroughfares all open to the public.

## \$50,000,000 Bond Issue Planned.

With \$4,000,000 available for the work at hand, the Sproul bill contemplated a \$50,000,000 bond issue with which to complete the system.

The legislature passed a resolution providing for an amendment to the constitution to make this bond issue possible. This resolution must be passed by the next legislature, and then be ratified by the people before it becomes operative.

Besides the Sproul bill the legislature also passed the Jones "dirt road" bill, which carries an appropriation of \$1,000,000. A road law passed several sessions ago provided that townships that abolished the work tax should receive a 15 per cent bonus in the amount of the state fund. Notwithstanding this promise, the state failed to pay the bonus to the townships that complied with the provisions which entitled them to it. For this reason, the farmers of the state backed the state bond issue, and the Jones bill carry an appropriation of \$1,000,000. For every dollar that any township in the state spent upon its dirt roads, the Jones bill contemplated adding 50 cents to the township's fund, \$25 a mile to be drawn from the cost of construction. During the closing hours of the legislature the house and senate appropriations committees cut the \$3,000,000 to \$500,000, and only raised this amount to \$1,000,000 when Representative Jones, of Susquehanna, the author of the "dirt road" bill, declared that he would not accept \$500,000, and would rely upon the farmers of the state to fight his bill through at the next election.

Besides the Sproul bill and the Jones "dirt road" measure, the legislature also passed an appropriation paying to the townships that part of the sum the state owed them. The road measures enacted involved a complete re-organization of the highway department.

Like the school code and the Sproul road bill, the Gerberich one-board medical bill and the measures reorganizing the insurance departments were steps in advance. The Gerberich bill was not a party measure. It had been advocated for years, and simply met a demand that had long existed among the members of the medical profession. The bills reorganizing and modernizing the insurance departments of the state were drawn by insurance Commissioner Samuel McCulloch, and were measures that had long been needed; measures that had been a long time on the way and had secured the majority of which had previously been enacted in many other states and found to work well there.

## Mine Code Also Inherited.

Another measure that was inherited from the previous legislature by the legislature that has just adjourned was the bituminous mine code. This measure was not opposed by the miners of the central bituminous field, was opposed by the miners of the western districts. The soft coal code passed the legislature as a result of the work done in its behalf by lobbyists representing soft coal operators. The value of the code depends so much upon the technical construction of its features that its merits and faults must remain a matter of doubt until they have actually been tried out.

While the legislature was frequently erratic as a body even to the extent of appearing irresponsible, it was consistent in its salary raising program. Starting with the judges the

## Losses a Nice Lot of Hens.

Salt water from an ice cream freezer was thoughtlessly thrown in with some chicken feed, and as a result William Harris, of Phillipsburg, is mourning the loss of 15 laying hens, one rooster and a duck, while five other hens are likely to die out of his flock of thirty.—Journal.

## Festivals.

On Saturday evening, 10th, the Oak Grove M. E. church, on the Jacksonsville road, two miles east of Bellefonte, will hold a festival, for the benefit of the church. Ice cream and other refreshments will be served. All invited.

## Tyrone is Promising to Have a Big Patriotic Tear-up on the Fourth.

Tyrone is promising to have a big patriotic tear-up on the Fourth. Tyrone knows how to do it.

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