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RING OUT THE OLD! RING IN THE NEW!

NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS INSTALLED ON MONDAY.

DEMOCRATS NOW IN CHARGE

What Some of the Old Officials Will Do—The Change in Officers Attracted Attention—Competent Set of County Officials.

Monday, January 1st, was "moving day" at the court house, as most of the former county officials had to pick up their belongings and make way for their successors who were chosen at the recent November election. The unique feature of this demonstration was that almost all the officials who were in was a democrat who, in almost every instance, took the place of some republican, who would have been "delighted" to hang on to the job for four years more, but the people had decreed it differently. Some described it as a "house cleaning," but that is a harsh manner of expressing the change that was made in the various departments.

The first to attract attention Monday morning was the firing of Sheriff-elect Arthur B. Lee, the blacksmith of Tusseyville, who has laid aside his hammer and tongs for the next four years, and will look after the peace and welfare of the county of Centre, as the occupant of the stone mansion on the hill, where he will have many visit him who never were invited; and he will have to keep them and care for them too whether they are welcome or not. About fifteen teams, furnished by the good neighbors in and about Tusseyville, constituted the procession that wended its way up the hill and unloaded his belongings, and he at once took charge of the home recently vacated by his republican predecessor, Wm. E. Hurley, who with his family had moved to a building on Pine street, Edward McKinley, the deputy, of Milesburg, was on hand and assisted in the preliminary formalities about the office. They start in with six good horse boards in the prison. Sheriff Hurley, being out of a job, informs us he will likely make his living for some time fishing for suckers in the deep hole at the Milesburg iron bridge.

Down in the court house there was more or less commotion, as several of the officials and visitors who dropped in to see the changes on the first of the year. Old officials were rummaging through desks and cases gathering up their belongings and giving instruction to their successors. Many interested spectators were on hand who could not fall but seize the opportunity to nib in a word or two of conversation. The officers elected had consigned, yet all was taken in good form, and was considered appropriate to the occasion.

In the Prothonotary's office D. R. Foreman was busy at work preparing the oaths of office and other credentials for the new officials. Mr. Foreman was looking after some matters of business that needed his attention. Mr. Foreman has not appointed a deputy for the present, and says he is unfortunate in not having had as much as an application. The fact is, that the business of the Prothonotary's office has fallen off considerably in recent years and Mr. Foreman will be able to handle the work himself, except on special occasions, and as Mr. Kimpfort will be in Bellefonte until April, at least, he will come to his relief whenever needed. Mr. Kimpfort has no definite plans as to the future, and unless he finds something to induce him to engage in here, in the meantime, he will remain in Bellefonte with his family later than spring.

Over in the Register's office there was little or no commotion. Ex-Register Earl Tuten, who filled that office for six years, had his "little" all made; and all that he left was his deputy, Miss Annie Nolan, who has been employed by the new Register, J. Frank Smith, of Centre Hall. Mr. Smith took his oath of office before Prothonotary Foreman in the forenoon, and soon after became interested in his new duties. Mr. Smith, not having disposed of his mercantile establishment at the Centre Hall station, was not prepared to move with his family to Bellefonte as yet, but will do so as soon as he can make the necessary arrangements to vacate the property at Centre Hall. Earl Tuten has taken up the fire insurance business, that he purchased some time ago from D. W. Woodring, and will give that his attention, and has opened offices on the second floor of Eagle Block, where he will be able to furnish anything in that line.

In the Treasurer's office we found G. G. Fink, the retiring official, in a most amiable mood, with a kindly greeting for all and profuse thanks to the public for the opportunity that was afforded him of filling the office the past few years. Before noon Farmer John Miller appeared on deck and took his oath of office before Recorder Brown, where he pledged to safely guard the treasury of the county. Mr. Miller will make sale of his farm stock later in the season, and as soon as that is over, will move his family to Bellefonte. In assuming the duties of the office he will have G. W. Rumberger, of Fleming, to give him the necessary instruction, with every detail of that department. Mr. Fink returns to Martha where he expects to devote his attention to farming, as heretofore.

For the past few days Recorder Brown was more than busy getting all the documents left with him properly placed on record, and had the bonds of the new officials all properly recorded excepting the signatures and dates; he made a clean up of all work. W. Francis Speer, the new official, was on hand and took the oath of office before the retiring Recorder, Mr. Speer's deputy will be Earl Orr, of Marion township, who formerly was deputy the second clerkship in the Commissioner's office, but accepted the latter position in preference. When the new Recorder began taking stock, he found scarcely any supplies

furnished by the county left, such as legal forms and necessary papers, and not even as much as a pen, or pencil. "Brown" must have made a clean sweep when he left, everything gone but "the paper on the wall" and it has occasioned considerable comment, as lacking in that common courtesy that is due of any official towards his successor. Brown says he has nothing definite ahead, therefore will have ample time to figure out how Speer knocked the persimmon away from him.

In the County Commissioner's office there was more or less commotion. The former clerks, Williams and Decker, were busily engaged in closing up some of their affairs. John Dunlap, who has served six years as a democratic member, was on hand and in a congenial mood, saying his farewell in good grace. H. E. Zimmerman, republican, the other retiring commissioner, was not present. For the present he will remain in Bellefonte. Later he expects to devote his attention to the erection of some dwellings in the vicinity of Pleasant Gap, as there likely will be a demand for homes when the new penitentiary gets underway. "Daddy" Woodring, the republican member who was re-elected, was on hand and seemed thankful that at least he could serve in the capacity of a minority member for the next four years, and had a good word for all who came and went. Messrs. D. A. Grove and Wm. H. Noll, democrats, recently elected, were on hand exchanging the New Year greetings to the many friends who called to wish them well. The new board were qualified for office before the Prothonotary and later in the day organized by electing Mr. Noll, president, and Mr. Grove secretary. The new clerk, H. N. Meyer, of Millheim, was on hand gathering up papers from J. H. Meyer, Decker, who served as second clerk under the former board, and will remain with them until they have complete run of the office. Mr. Meyer has moved his family to Bellefonte and is living in the Geo. Bayard residence on Spring street, in the basement. Edward J. Brown was busy getting acquainted with his new duties as fireman, as the successor of Levi Simmonds. It is rumored that Levi contemplates retiring—as he has designs on a rich widow with a luxurious home where he would be entirely at ease, and would live like a lord.

District Attorney D. Paul Fortney took his oath of office before Prothonotary Foreman and will be located as usual in the offices of the firm of Fortney & Fortney, of which he is the senior member. W. G. Finkle, who filled the office for the past six years, will continue his legal practice as heretofore, and will knock (c) about his farm more or less.

The new Board of Auditors, Messrs. Jerry Brungart and Clay Hoy, democrats, and W. H. Goss, republican, were qualified before Prothonotary Foreman and now are at work on the various accounts of the county officials.

Thus for the first time in many years an entire list of offices in Centre county, held by Democrats, the law allowing only a minority Communist and Auditor. The political whirligig is a strange creature, and cuts freakish capers at times. A year or two ago, prominent republicans ridiculed the merited thought of a democrat being elected to any office in Centre county which they would not consider even as debatable ground. But in the course of a few months the political whirligig flopped clean down, and with the largest democratic majorities known for an entire ticket, swept every republican out, and the democrats came in on a triumphant tidal wave, that was significant. For that reason the installation of the new county officials was a significant public event. All of them are elected for a term of four years. We believe they are an exceptionally good and competent set of men for the various places.

In the years to come they have the opportunity to fulfill every pledge made—we believe they will do it.

Hospital Notes.
Operations: Miss Irah Myers, Mrs. Mary Boyer, and Mrs. Lucinda Johnson, of Milesburg; Mrs. Mina Nelman, of Fleming; Robert Taylor, Miss Elizabeth Morris, of Bellefonte; Thos. Way, of Stormstown; Michael Moxey, aged 13 months, of Morrisown; William Switzer, aged 2 years, of Coleville; Irvin Martin, aged 4 years, of Tyrone; Miss Maud Hoy, and Miss Ida Tressler, of State College; John C. Garner, of Millheim; John Kelley, of Bellefonte.
Admitted for treatment: Mrs. Harriet Brown, and Miss Edna Zimmerman, of Milesburg; Mrs. Azatha Herman, of Bellefonte.
Discharged: Mrs. Caroline Lesh, of Zions.

There are now twenty-five patients in the hospital.

Fire at Jacksonsville.
Saturday morning a large barn on one of Joseph H. Long's farms, 1 1/2 miles east of Jacksonsville, was destroyed by fire with all its contents. The farm was occupied by Frank Wetzel, as tenant farmer. The fire broke out early in the morning in the west end of the building and soon was doomed. Mr. Wetzel lost the following: one horse, one cow, six cows, two young cattle, two sows, all farm implements and the season's crops, excepting the corn in a crib on the outside, the roof of which was burned off. The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Wetzel had \$750 insurance, which will fall to cover his loss. Mr. Long owns a large number of farms and carries no insurance.

Big Explosion in Altoona.
A hot water furnace in the Wrenclancy stores in Altoona exploded Tuesday morning and blew out all the glass windows besides damaging the floors, upsetting the counters, and destroying thousands of dollars worth of goods. A number of the young ladies clerks were injured by the steam pipes bursting, flying glass, and the upsetting of the counters.

New Pastor at Hubersburg.
At an election held in the Reformed churches at Hubersburg and Zions, last Sunday, the Rev. Edgar S. Hessler, of Oil City, Pa., was elected pastor of these two congregations.

RELIGIOUS CENSUS OF BELLEFONTE

RESULT OF THE RECENT CENSUS ANNOUNCED.

A REPORT BY DENOMINATIONS

Shows a Variety of Religious Beliefs—Methodists Head the List—Systematic Work—Was Done in a Few Hours—Useful Information.

The house-to-house visitation which was carried through by the Evangelical churches of Bellefonte was done in a remarkably thorough manner. Promptly at 2 p. m. last Wednesday afternoon about one hundred visitors left the Presbyterian chapel, and scattered themselves throughout the district. It was proposed to canvass the longest time consumed by any was about three hours and a half. Many were done in an hour, more in two hours, and nearly all in three hours. About 1932 visits. These covered all the borough, and all the adjacent communities save two small sections which are being canvassed this week. The church affiliations, as they manifested themselves, were:

Methodist Episcopal 346
Roman Catholic 191
Presbyterian 184
United Brethren 118
United Evangelical 102
Lutheran 97
Protestant 91
Reformed 90
African Methodist Episcopal 30
Free Methodist 17
Salvation Army 10
Friends 7
Christian 5
Hebrew 3
Baptist 2
Advent 2
Christian Science 2
Union 2
Congregational 2
Dunkard 1
Unitarian 1
No Preference 3
Refused Information 2
Imperfect 2
Not at Home 44

Total 1778

In addition to the above 14 vacant houses were reported.

Some interesting things are shown in the above figures. Among them such things as these: There are 152 homes in this community that have persons belonging to two different denominations. Many of these grow out of the presence of servants in the household. But, at least the half of them are cases where one member of the family goes to one church while another, or others, go to a second church. Also there are 46 homes with three denominations living under one roof. And 14 of Bellefonte's households boast of the number of four different denominations in the same home. It is difficult to see how such multi-division of church affiliation makes for the best of the kingdom of God.

The most suggestive thing in the above figures will be those showing but 3 families with no church preference. There are probably 150 families without any church connection; but only three don't care. Two families refuse information. That was due entirely to bad manners.

BURNED TO A CRISP.

A Sad Fatality Near Penna. Furnace on Monday Morning.

A sad fatality occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Beck, who live on a farm in Halfmoon valley, near Warriors Mark, Pa., on Monday of this week. The parents were in the wash-house, a small building close to the residence, attending to the usual weekly washing. Their two little children, Margaret, aged six years, and Hazle, a young daughter, were left in the kitchen. It appears that little Margaret went to the stove, which was very hot, and opened one of the doors when her dress took fire and soon she was enveloped in flames. She naturally rushed out to the wash-house to her parents for help, and when the father saw the little one all ashe he thoughtfully seized her and dashed her into a trough of water. Thereby succeeding in extinguishing the burning clothing. The child was given the best attention possible, and medical aid was immediately summoned. It was found that her body was seared and blistered from the knees up, and most of the hair was singed from her head; and in addition she had inhaled the flames through the nostrils and the mouth. Strange as it may seem, with all these severe burns, the little one apparently suffered no pain and, though conscious most of the time, she lingered from ten o'clock in the morning until five that evening when she quietly slept away.

This was a severe shock to the parents, that came as a dire affliction into their happy home, and without a moment's warning, and in a most heartrending manner, took a bright little jewel from the family circle, and has left only a dark shadow and deep sorrow in its place. They truly love the sympathy of all in this dire affliction. Interment took place Wednesday morning in the Lutheran cemetery close by, being largely attended by relatives and friends.

Injured By a Fall.
Morris Shilling, of Blanchard, sustained a serious fall on the evening of Christmas day, while on a visit to his brother, Boyd Shilling, in Beech Creek. The accident occurred on a slippery sidewalk, and resulted in the bursting of an artery in Mr. Shilling's leg, on the exact spot where a running sore, caused by the kick of a horse several years ago, had been troubling him. He was taken to his home at Blanchard.

Credit Given.
All persons who remitted to us on subscription during the month of December, 1911, will find that proper credit was given for same by a change of the date on their label this week. If you sent us any money during that time look at your label now; in case of any error, please notify this office at once.

NEGRO FOUND DEAD AT STATE COLLEGE

CORONER HUFF SUMMONED TO INVESTIGATE CAUSE.

DRANK LOT OF WOOD ALCOHOL

The Local Authorities Annoyed by "Blind Tigers"—Liquor Dispensed in the Community—Investigation May Follow—It is a "Dry" Town.

John P. Morgan, a colored man, for the past winter employed at one of the buildings at Penna. State College, died at that place on Thursday evening last from acute alcoholism. The circumstances attending the discovery of the lifeless body were sufficiently shocking to Miss Florence Ritter, acting dean of the course for farm women, as to unnerve her for a time. According to Miss Ritter's story, as related to Coroner Huff, she had returned to the dormitories shortly before midnight and finding the hallways cold and unlighted, began an investigation of the janitor's supposed negligence. Discovering an open door into a private room, usually closed, Miss Ritter entered and found Morgan lying dead across the bed. She and several of her women associates in the department of domestic science spent the night with the corpse on the floor below.

Though an effort was made to remove the body, no physician was willing to issue a death certificate, and insisted upon a coroner's inquest, which was later held by Dr. Huff, of Milesburg.

Although the inquest revealed the fact that deceased came to his death from an overindulgence in alcohol, the following dispatch from State College in Saturday's Philadelphia North American has created considerable comment:

"As a result of the discovery Friday morning of the dead body of John P. Morgan, in a room in the women's department of the department of domestic science at the Pennsylvania State College, officials of the institution have started an investigation on their own account. Following the coroner's inquest Friday afternoon, it became known that Morgan had died of wood alcohol poison. Though the coroner's report stated that the man came to his death from acute alcoholism, it is known that he had been unable to get whisky in the town, as it is alleged had been his custom, and that he had obtained from a source unknown a quantity of wood alcohol, which he is believed to have drunk. For years the sale of liquor has been prohibited within the confines of the town of State College, but John P. Morgan had been able to get whisky in the past has aroused the efforts of the college officials, who are determined to learn the location of the supposed speakeasy. It became known Saturday that Fred Alva A. Goss, head of the department of agriculture extension, upon learning that there was no one to claim Morgan's body, himself provided for the burial of the man. This is the first instance in which Coroner Huff, of Centre county, has been called in to investigate the death of a State College resident in many years, and the affair has caused considerable excitement among the 400 visitors who are here attending the fifth annual farmers' week."

Morgan is said to have been an inoffensive colored man who came from the South last fall and since then has been employed at the college. He is survived by a widow, who is also a native of the South. The body was taken to Bellefonte on Saturday and placed in the morgue of the establishment, and on Sunday was interred in the Union cemetery.

Liberty Supervisors Resigned.

The board of supervisors of Liberty township are having troubles of their own, according to the Beech Creek correspondent of the Lock Haven Express. The new supervisors elected in November is William Kunes, of Blanchard, and as president of the board he would not sign certain resolutions requiring his supervisors, Irvin Wagner and Clive Haines, passed by a majority vote. As a result Wagner and Haines handed in their resignations to the township board of auditors who promptly accepted the same. The vacancies will be filled by the court.

A Successful Year.

The annual meeting of the officers and directors of the Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Co. was held at the Garman House, in Bellefonte on Tuesday. The books show that the company has had a very successful year during 1911, having no assessment and with no serious drain upon the treasury.

The following officers were re-elected to serve the ensuing year: President, Isaac Frain; vice president, Hiram Thompson; treasurer, G. L. Goodhart; secretary, D. K. Keller.

Wants License in Beech Creek.

Samuel Boyce, of Clearfield, has applied for a license to sell liquor in the borough of Beech Creek, his purpose being to purchase or rent the property owned by J. P. DeHann, who has been conducting a temperance hotel in the building for some years. The town has not had a licensed hotel for 28 years, notwithstanding the fact that application is made to the court for same every few years.

Penitentiary Notes.
Since our last issue there has been no news of any importance regarding the new penitentiary site. The recommendation of the commission was forwarded to Gov. Tener and his approval of their selection is expected almost any day. Warden Francis since leaving Bellefonte was taken ill with a slight attack of pneumonia, from which he has about recovered.

A slight fire in Finklestein's 5 and 10 cent store on south Allegheny street Wednesday night about 8:45 destroyed the contents of one of the tables near the center aisle on the lower floor. The origin of the blaze is not known.

PLEASANT GAP MUMMERS.

Give Bellefonte a Treat on New Years Day.

The big event in Bellefonte on New Year's day was the visit that the Pleasant Gap Mummers made to our town, as has been their custom in recent years past. On that account a great many visitors from the surrounding country were in town to enjoy the fun, while the people of the town as well were out on the streets awaiting the arrival of the procession, which was booked for 2 p. m., and they arrived on schedule time. To enumerate all the choice floats and unique features would take more space than we could spare. The parade was headed by officers in military garb who looked fierce. Then came a string of floats, carriages, sulkeys, and conveyances that could not be named or were ever known or seen before, horsemen of various nationalities, all forming a parade of over a half mile in length. The conclusion of the parade certainly deserves special mention as it contained a float representing the waiters. It was composed of a lady and gent in the attitude of waltzing on a platform that revolved and then reversed in true style; and the mechanism was driven by a belt connected with the hub of the rear wheel. It required considerable ingenuity to devise, and mechanical skill to construct the float, and it worked to perfection and was admired all along the route of the parade. There were colored drum corps, polo clubs, women suffragettes, bands of Indians, funny looking "darkies" without limit, cow boys, Indian scouts, clever police patrol, fire department, "newly weds" and their "kids," and faces without name or limit.

As the parade proceeded along the streets it was greeted with rounds of applause that showed that young and old enjoyed the amusement furnished by the hustling young people of Pleasant Gap and vicinity. They did much to add to the good cheer of the New Year. May they all live long and be happy, and in 1912 we hope to see them all back in Bellefonte.

We certainly enjoyed the sport—come again.

REAL ESTATE DEAL.

An important real estate deal was consummated this week by which Messrs. Edward Haupt and Clayton Brown, two young Bellefonte capitalists, purchased about 90 acres of land from Thos. A. Shoemaker on what is commonly known as Halfmoon hill that partly lies in the West ward of Bellefonte and the balance in Spring township. This tract practically takes in all the land lying between the tracks of the railroad that runs into the Bellefonte furnace, then across Halfmoon hill southward to the tracks of the Penna. railroad switch that extends up to the Jenkins foundry, and extends to the farms of the late late there is a farm house and buildings. The price paid for the property is not given.

The new owners of the property have no information regarding the purchase of this tract for publication, further than that Mr. Haupt intends to farm the vacant land. From various sources we learn that the new owners anticipate that with the building of the new penitentiary there will be a perceptible increase in the population of Bellefonte, and that it will bring many new families to the town who will want desirable homes. As that is a plausible reason for these gentlemen taking this step we have good reason to expect some extensive building on this new tract this coming summer. There has been a scarcity of good homes in the town for some time and this location, while a little elevated, has many advantages, and in time may become a desirable residential section of the town. The land is good soil, the location healthy and should prove a good section for home seekers.

Marriage Licenses.

Harry B. Benner - - - Oak Hill
Nellie J. Struble - - - State College
M. Roy Hoy - - - Zion
Mary B. Martin - - - Lamar
Edward N. Corman - - - Johnstown
Eva V. Stover - - - Aaronsburg
Guy P. Springer - - - Millheim
Pearl R. Runkle - - - Centre Hall
Elmer Fubler - - - Rebersburg
Elnora Miller - - - Tylersville
Chas. C. Fryer - - - Coburn
Annie Hironomus - - - Welkert
Jos. Beckenbaugh - - - Rebersburg
Annie Muthersbaugh - - - Fannetsburg
Henry Young - - - Howard
Clara McKinney - - - Moshannon
Samuel Rice - - - Bellefonte
Catherine Rice - - - Elwood City
David L. Keller - - - Axemann
Louisa Stover - - - Axemann
Forest Scott - - - Munson Sta.
Nellie Davis - - - Munson Sta.
Milton W. Eddy - - - Erunston, Ill.
Rebecca Reiley - - - State College
Harry Glenn - - - State College
Lola B. Sents - - - State College
Jos. Wm. Ehrlich - - - Philipsburg
Jose A. Williams - - - Philipsburg
Clayton B. Stover - - - Spring Mills
Estella V. Wolfe - - - Spring Mills
Henry F. Kessinger - - - Blanchard
Margaret Irwin - - - Blanchard
Michael Bresler - - - Warriors Mark
Minnie Gummo - - - Penna. Furnace
Agnew Lambert - - - Spring Mills
Dora A. Mark - - - Spring Mills
A. Howry Espinshade - - - State College
Erma M. Fry - - - State College
Harry Miller - - - Altoona
Anna Sharer - - - Port Matilda

Issued 1912 Licenses to Marry.

In the six years that Earl Tuten filled the office of Register of Centre county he issued 1912 marriage licenses from that office, or an average of 322 per year. In the past year he issued 308, which was somewhat below the average. The fee for issuing licenses is one dollar and when a justice of the peace takes the application he is allowed 50 cents for his services in addition. The year 1912 being leap year, it will be interesting to note whether the fair sex will exercise their privilege, that custom grants them, and induces the tardy ones to toe the mark. Woman have rights, and why should they not exercise them once in a while.

GUFFEY AND PALMER WILL LOCK HORNS

CONTEST BEFORE THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COM.

AT WASHINGTON ON MONDAY

Springs Out of the Allentown Convention—Points at Issue—Effort to Redeem the Pennsylvania Democracy from its Bosses.

The Democratic National Committee will meet in Washington, D. C., on next Monday, January 8, 1912 to fix the time and place for the meeting of the Democratic National Convention. It is expected that the first real clash between the regulars and the reorganizers of the Pennsylvania Democracy will take place when Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer shall present his claim to the seat in the Democratic National Committee which Colonel Guffey has occupied since he was elected to succeed the late James Kerr, of Clearfield, who supplanted Guffey as National Committeeman at the Denver convention four years ago, with the active and strenuous help of William Jennings Bryan.

The McCormick-Guthrie-Palmer portion of the State Democracy insists that Geo. W. Guthrie is chairman of the Democratic State Committee, while the regulars insist that E. Ritter, of Lycoming, is the only duly qualified State chairman, and the reorganizers assert that Guffey has been ousted as the National Committeeman and that Congressman Palmer is the only one entitled to represent the Keystone State in the National Committee and present his credentials from the reorganizers and ask to have his name substituted upon the rolls of the committee for that of Colonel Guffey.

Colonel Guffey and many of his friends from Pennsylvania will be on hand in Washington and the claims of the reorganizers will be assailed if any attempt shall be made to question the equality of Colonel Guffey's membership on the National committee. It is believed that a big contingent of Pennsylvania Democrats representing each faction will journey to Washington, and a battle royal will take place on that date.

The above is the substance of news items that have appeared in the papers of the past week. What the outcome of the contest will be, we are not well enough informed to make a careful prediction. We know that Congressman Palmer is entirely confident of his position, being secure, and it will be extremely interesting to note how the claims of Palmer and Guffey will be considered by the National Committee.

This controversy springs out of the proceedings of the famous Allentown convention where Guffey, Hall, Donnelly, Ryan and their followers defied the wishes of the Democracy and defeated Berry for Governor, by the nomination of Grim. Then came the Keystone Party as a protest from Democrats and Independent Republicans, to the work on several bosses; and Berry even then would have been elected Governor had not the Guffeyites, at the close of the campaign, sent out the word to vote for Tener, and the Grim-Guffey combination here in Centre county likewise gave Tener their loyal support, being specially desirous to defeat William H. Berry.

Then came the famous State Committee meeting in Harrisburg last July when two meetings were organized. The Guffey crowd had 27 delegates, not near a quorum, and the reorganizers almost 70. The Guffeyites named Walter Ritter for their chairman and Guffey as National Committeeman. The Reorganizers, with a full quorum of the committee, elected Geo. Guthrie state chairman and Congressman Palmer National Committeeman.

Now the dispute will be carried before the National Democratic Committee, in Washington, on Monday, as above stated. It has been frequently announced in the daily papers that Walter Ritter will endeavor to maintain title to the Chairmanship of the Democracy of Pennsylvania by appealing to the courts, hoping to oust Guthrie through legal technicalities, even if the party was repudiated this crowd of political bosses who so long have been in league with Penrose.

The next contest will be at the state convention in 1912, and for that reason there may be a lively skirmish throughout the state, as the Guffey-Hall people do not want to lose their grip on the organization of the Democracy of Pennsylvania, which for years past they have simply used to further their personal and selfish ends—that is why all honest Democrats are solicitous regarding the contest before the National Committee in Washington, next Monday.

Treasurer Miller Surprised.

On Monday evening the good neighbors of Treasurer John D. Miller, of Walker township, assembled at his home as a little surprise to the family on New Year's day to wish them well, as they will leave that section soon for Bellefonte where Mr. Miller's official duties will require his attention for the coming four years. The home was more than thronged and we are unable to tell all that happened, but every one had a good time as they were made doubly welcome. It was a sort of a farewell to the family, and they appreciated it fully.

The members of the Logan Fire Company held their semi-annual meeting on Tuesday evening, during which the following officers were elected: Pres.—J. C. Harper; vice pres.—M. R. Johnson; secretary—Raah Irvin; treasurer—R. A. Beck; trustees—Jno. J. Bower, Homer Barnes, Michael Shields; chief—Ben. Tate, and four assistants; chief engineer—James Selbert; 1st asst.—Thos. Caldwell; freman—Geo. Eberhart; delegate to State convention—Jno. J. Bower; alternate—Alex. Morrison; delegate to district convention—Herbert Auman. Next Tuesday evening the Firemen's Relief of both companies will meet in the Logan rooms, and one of the important features will be a big layout.