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EDITORIAL.

HARMONY IN SIGHT.

It is with much gratification that "The Centre Democrat" can announce that important negotiations are now in progress to bring the dissentions in the Democratic Party of this state to an end.

To this Mr. Ritter made reply on Tuesday in which he advocated the holding of one convention, and suggested the names of certain eminent men from among whom was to be chosen a temporary chairman.

Chairman Guthrie has announced that he received the proposition of Mr. Ritter, and that he will take the same under advisement with other members of the "Re-organization," and will issue his reply at an early date.

We will not assume to pass on the merits of either of the propositions at this time, as the scope is a little too large for a snap judgment, and we are not sufficiently acquainted with the details to clearly understand all the fine points in the issue.

One fact stands out pre-eminent in all this controversy and that is, that the leadership of the Democracy of Pennsylvania in the past few years has brought the party into disrepute, has lost the confidence of the rank and file of the voters, and has been the direct cause for the general revolt that followed.

But what is the use of reciting the past—let us hope that the outcome will mean a new order of things. Let us hope that from the thousands of Democratic voters in Pennsylvania, men will be finally chosen, by the delegates to be elected at the coming primaries, who will be capable of inspiring confidence in the leadership of the party and be free of the former suspicious deals with the Penrose machine.

The Centre Democrat will endorse and approve any compromise that can be honorably made to bring about unity and harmony, that will restore to the party a respectable organization. At this time we are satisfied that the sentiment of the Democracy of Pennsylvania is overwhelmingly for Re-organization and that the result of two conventions would demonstrate that fact, but we are not thirsting for the humiliation of those who are on the other side of the controversy at this time.

Let us have peace—but with honor. The number of delegates to the national conventions of the two parties is, republican 1070, necessary to nominate 535. Democratic convention 1070 delegates. Necessary to nominate, 718. In the democratic convention it requires a two-thirds to nominate.

Speaker Champ Clark in an address on Saturday said: "The present tariff law raises about \$330,000,000 a year. It is estimated that every one year one dollar goes into Uncle Sam's coffers under the high protective tariff system about five dollars go into the pockets of the tariff barons. This being true, then the high protective tariff costs the people of this country \$1,500,000,000 yearly."

A POINTED REPLY.

To the "Republican's" Attacks on the County Auditors. The following contribution expresses the sentiments of several of the present Board of County Auditors in answer to an extended criticism in the last issue of the Bellefonte Republican:

To the Kindergarten Editor of the Republican who seems to be greatly disturbed over the Auditors' Report, especially over the fact that the late board was rather liberal in its expenditure of public funds:

The Board of Auditors undoubtedly agreed on the point, or they would not have signed a paper containing the statement. The statement is true. The same statement could be truthfully made by the Auditors, they were rather liberal in passing disbursements made by the Old Board.

The members of the Old Board should rejoice, rather than growl, at what the Auditors did. It is not out of place to particularize:

When the county pays for the keep and maintenance of a pauper, the indigent person must be one who has no known settlement within the state. In order to make the county liable for the maintenance of the poor person the commissioners must have notice, and this notice must be given as soon as the aid is required, otherwise the county cannot be made liable.

The Auditors passed a bill of \$50, for another physician, the payment of which had been refused by two former Boards of Commissioners, turned down by one or two County Solicitors, and for which they had also taken a refunding receipt; the bill was over six years old, and the physician had nothing but to look at a dead man.

The Auditor General had refused to pass the bill, and the Auditor General is liable for whatever the state refuses to pay. An examination of the account as audited by the state will show exactly what and why the Auditor General did not allow the whole bill.

The Auditor General had refused to pass something over \$200 of the bill presented by the Commissioners for the late primary. With the aid of the County Auditors and others the Auditor General reconsidered and agreed to pass most of the amount rejected. It was highly proper to surcharge the Old Board with what the Auditor General would not allow.

Then they come to Fink's account. When Mr. Fink found there was an Act of Assembly starting him in the face which allowed only five per cent. commission on funds, on which he had taken eight, he wanted to refund. It was right that he should, but the County Auditors were not the parties to refund to. They had no right to receive anything. The accounts had been made up. It was the duty of the Auditors to audit, not change them, or receive any money that might be charged against any officer.

The law directs how, and to whom any surcharges made against any officer shall be paid. The Act of Assembly under which the treasurer is allowed to receive commission is not over five percent, for disbursing, to the several districts, the unseated land tax, was passed in 1887 and ought to have been known to the old Board of Commissioners and the County Treasurer. While this is so it must not be forgotten that Mr. Fink took seven per cent. commissions on the unseated land tax due the districts for schools, roads, and the poor in 1910, and did not refund that.

The County Auditors have a clear right to employ a clerk and the clerk is to be paid out of the county funds. There was a good bit of fuss and little sense in the Republican's article on the County Auditors. X.

PLEDGES MADE ELSEWHERE. To give our readers some idea how pledges are being made in other sections of the state we copy the following from the Mt. Jewett Herald:

"Believing that the voters should understand what, as well as who, they are voting for, I desire to state that, I stand in opposition to that element of the party which for years has trailed the organization as a tail to the Penrose machine and in favor of the men who have attempted party re-organization and the elevation of the Democracy of Pennsylvania to a level in keeping with its true dignity and importance. M. J. FITZGERALD, Kane, Pa., March 14th, 1912."

Roosevelt Candidates. All Republicans who prefer the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt to that of President Taft will have the opportunity of voting for Roosevelt delegates at the coming primaries. Guy B. Mayo, of McKean county, has filed his nomination papers stating that if elected a Delegate to the National Republican Convention he will vote for Roosevelt and the same will appear on the ballot.

A similar petition for Delegate to the Republican State Convention was filed by Geo. Fisher, of Bousburg. This means that even if the "Republican" and the "Gazette" are for Taft, there will be a healthy opposition in the county and Teddy's friends will have the opportunity to express themselves at the primaries.

"DIPPY DILL" CONTEST PROVES A SUCCESS

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When Mick goes out to get a chicken for a de-bate and the coop is locked, can he open it with Ai-key? When Sam and his brother-in-law go fur-hunting and you smell the scent of their furs, is that a sign that you'll C. Poorman?

If George employs a man to work in his truck patch and the fellow is no good, dare he call him a Bum-gardner? If Nevin and Nellie went a fishing and Nellie fell in the water, could Philip Fish-er?

Should Jake and Jim quit working at their trade, could Bill Smith? Should the grange be lacking courage, and her members growing cold, Or, her ship be hard to anchor, Because her docks are old and rot, Then gather up your courage, And shout aloud for joy, The master will not rescue Unless you shout A. Hoy.

Julian. If Edward Turner, Julian's prosperous merchant, would speed his auto down through Mills Alexander's meadow this fall, would the grass-hopper? If there was a big fat groundhog in his hole on the apex of E. W. Diller's hill, would his potato digger-out?

Of course we know there has been some great inventions in the dairy business, but do you think the day will come when we will see the butter-milk cow? If E. Campbell would cut down his walnut tree on the hill, would Jack-pine?

If he was an editor instead of a pacer, would Dan Patch his own trousers? On seeing his father go down through the meadow toward the wood-ed grove, little Isaac ran into the house and asked of his Ma, Say Ma, is Para-gon chestnut hunting? If Julian's most noted pugilist would step into the ring and offer a challenge, would the cigar box with him?

If the village cobbler was going to the city to buy leather and was at the station waiting on the Chicago Limited, could he help to pass away the time by reading his pocket book? If a hobo was walking up the P. R. R. track and was struck by No. 52 would the railroad tie up his wounds? If the prettiest young lady in Julian was strolling down street on a sunny afternoon all by her lonesome, would the board-walk with her?

The fact that Swift & Co. deals in pork, doesn't indicate that they buy guinea pigs nor ground hogs. We know that Sampson was a strong man, but do you think he would have been capable of Wheeling, West Virginia? From Oklahoma. If onions bring oceans of tear, would John Sa-bring? Get on the hill, if a Sim Baum should explode, would the Temple Court? License please.

If Daffy Dan can write Dippydilly, can he wash Rumberger? Use Pearl's soap. If a fish can swim in a duck pond, could Philip Waddle? Get him a tub. Should Ad. Fauble with the funds of the First National Bank, would Ed. Robb it?

If a Carrie Nation should appear in Bellefonte, could Wilbur Burk-holder until you could advise the Howard Hustler. Hide your hatchets. If Teddy should withdraw, and Taft should LaFollette, who Woodrow Wilson? Harmon. Underwood, Clark. If a lady, in perusing the interesting pages of Blackstone, should become so persistent in her decision that it was not necessary for her to go up hill, could Harrison Walk-er?

Central City. If Dr. Musser would kill Dr. Ward, would Dr. Kil-patrick? If William Adams had a dollar, would Frank Bar-ret? If Bar. Eagle would raise, would Moose run? If Lester Peace started a dray, would Philip Hall? If the door came open, would the window shut-er?

If a fox is a James Gray? If a summer would never come, would Fred Freeze? If William ate his dinner, would John Piece? If Frank Blair had a brewery, would Charley Cas-bar? If Earl Myers had a girl in Bellefonte, would the type-writ-er? If Philip Myers owned a colt, would Ollie Kohl-braker? If the Domino Hotel burned down, where would the checker-board?

Axemann. If a girl gets lost, would Robert Hunt-er? If the Alabama is a large ship, is Homer a double Decker? If Jerry Donovan was out buying iron, would he buy William Steele? If the Philippines are of Volcanic origin, is Boyd of Coral? If some one took off his coat, would William his Armour? If Jerry had a walking match, would Jack take a Kane? If George Obyran Sells eggs by the dozen, does Frank by the Gross? If some one found a bunch of carpet rags, would Walter Weaver-er? Give it to 'im pa, give it to 'im.

Milesburg. If Bessie Green, is John White? If Spring Creek was filled with trout, would Dr. Fish-er? If Jacob Wood-ring would Gilbert Waite? If produce advanced seven points, would R. S. Brouse? If Brandy is kept at the Brockerhoff House, have they any Ole-wine? If Adam Garber lives near Hunters Park, where does Philip Reside-er? If Buffalo Run-a to Bellefonte, does Philip Walk-er-er. Daffy Dan's dippy-William Le-go.

would Harry Alter it? If Sid is a carpenter, would Mayme Shingle? If Saddle would buy an orange, would Harry Hull it? If Lloyd would tear his coat, would Annie Taylor it?

Earlytown. If Ruth fell in the well, would Rosa Fisher out? If Blerly saw a rat, would Susan Stone-r? If Ray should balk, would Jennie Stahl? If Claude should need protection, would Catherine Shield him? If Centre Hall would improve its streets, would it make Pleasant Gap?

Fruitown. If Maggie is green is Blanch Reiber-er? When May Cooney becomes a dress-maker, will Bruce Weaver-er? If Miller falls asleep, will Myra Rock-ey? If Lydia Ishler runs, will Bertha Horn-er?

Wingate. If George Summer would sweat in the winter time would Fred Freeze? If Lender Bumbarger was to buy an aeroplane, would Eli Stere it? You bet. If there was danger awaiting grandma, would Edna Wann-er?

UNFIT. "The bi-Partisan machine of the Democratic party, that ruled for years and succeeded in reducing the party from a respectable minority that was powerful enough to win occasionally and at any rate to keep the majority party good, to a nearly negligible quantity, is again in the field threatening to hold a little side show convention all their own if their demands are not granted."

"The Democrats are heartily tired of the little bunch of Philadelphians who bound the party hand and foot and delivered it over to Mr. Penrose. Chairman Guthrie is right in taking his stand on the proposition that the Democratic party in this state shall be ruled only by the Democratic voters thereof. It is a proposition upon which all can and should unite."

Ritter Has Nothing to Say. Walter E. Ritter, state chairman of the Guffey faction of the Democratic party, declined to say anything on Thursday concerning a letter he acknowledged having received from George W. Guthrie, proposing a single state convention of the two Democratic factions.

Katz & Co's spring millinery opening Tuesday and Wednesday, March 26th and 27th. Be sure and attend. LEGAL NOTICE. EXECUTORS' NOTICE. In the estate of William B. Ginery late of North Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay, to JOHN W. WILLIAMS, RUDOLPH GINGERY, Executors. Attorneys. X-17.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. For County Chairman: We are authorized to announce that Arthur B. Kimpert, of Bellefonte, is a candidate for re-election for the position of Chairman of the Democratic party of Centre County.

For National Delegate: We are authorized to announce W. A. Hagerly, of Clearfield, Pa., a candidate for Delegate to the Democratic National Convention from this congressional district, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters at the primaries, Saturday, April 13th, 1912.

For National Delegate: We are authorized to announce William Hanley, of Bradford, a candidate for Delegate to the Democratic National Convention from this congressional district, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters at the primaries, Saturday, April 13th, 1912.

For National Delegate: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Delegate to the National Democratic Convention subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the 21st Congressional District at the April Primary. I favor the nomination of Woodrow Wilson for President. JOHN C. RANCLAY, Clearfield, Pa., Feb. 20, 1912.

For National Delegate: To the Democratic voters of the 21st Congressional District: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore, June 25th, 1912. I stand for that type of democracy represented by William Jennings Bryan, Champ Clark, Woodrow Wilson, and our other progressive leaders, and will oppose the nomination of any man who falls to measure up to that standard. I favor Woodrow Wilson for President by the special availability. I favor the reorganization of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania by the elimination and retirement of the men whose leadership has lost the respect and confidence of a large majority of the party.

The Democratic Party must remain true to its principles in the Nation, and purge and purify itself in the State. On the foregoing basis, I submit my name for the action of the voters at the April primaries. ASHER R. JOHNSON, Bradford, Penna., February 16th, 1912.

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Table with 2 columns: Description of Real Estate, Appraised at. Total \$5000.00.

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Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. 8 & 10c Real Linen Lace, a yard... 5c Boxes Carpet Tacks... 3 for 5c 10c wide Torchon Lace, a yard... 5c 65c House Brooms... 39c 25c Hair Ornaments... 10c 40c Whisk Brooms... 25c Brass Curtain Rods... 15c 25c Granite Dish Pans... 15c 15c Lace Curtain Goods, a yard... 10c 30c Granite Cook Boilers... 15c 12 1/2c Infants Tan Hose, a pair... 8c 18c Tin Water Buckets, large... 10c 20c Fancy Hat Pins, each... 8c 5c Tin Cups... 2c 15c Paper Back Novels... 8c 25c Hat Flowers, a bunch... 10c 5c Rolls Toilet Paper, 9 rolls for... 25c 50 & 75c Hat Flowers, a bunch... 10c 5c Packs Tooth Picks, 2500 in box... 3c 40c Moire Silk Ribbon, a yard... 19c 5c Canvas Gloves, a pair... 8c 35c Silk and Satin Taffeta Ribbon... 15c 5c Easter Baskets... 5c 10c Bottles Machine Oil... 5c China Easter Eggs... 5 and 10c 10c Wire Potato Mashers... 5c 75c Granite Cooking Boilers... 39c 10c Wood Potato Mashers... 5c 85c Granite Dish Pans... 49c Dennisons Crepe Paper, 10 feet... 10c 65c Granite Water Buckets... 35c Good Clothes Pins, 3 doz. for... 5c 75c Artificial Palms... 39c 5c Mouse Traps... 3 for 10c

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