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OLD GUARD BEATEN AT ALL POINTS

RE-ORGANIZERS CONTROL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

GUFFEY AND HALL REPUDIATED

William H. Berry For Treasurer, Robert E. Cresswell For Auditor General—A Strong Platform Adopted—Vote of 110 to 73.

The Democratic State Convention met in the Majestic Theatre at Harrisburg on Tuesday afternoon, and in the future there will be no occasion for dispute as to what constitutes the regular or legal Democratic organization in Pennsylvania. According to former agreement one convention was held, Chairman Ritter, of the Guffey wing, called the convention to order and Secretary Meek read the call and the organization was by agreement turned over to William Glasgow, as temporary chairman.

There was little or no doubt as to the outcome for the Re-organizers had the pledges in writing of about 107 at their caucus the night before to support the Re-organization movement and the candidates chosen in that caucus.

From that on there was little done other than the ratification of the program as mapped out by the Re-organizers. It was simply recording the protest of the Democracy of Pennsylvania, as filed at the polls on April 13th, and the repudiation of the faction or element, that clung about Guffey and Hall, from further control of the organization. It was a victory for Re-organization throughout. The men at the head of the movement, and all who labored or voted to that end are vindicated and have occasion to rejoice.

As the editor of this paper took an active stand over a year ago on this issue, and was identified with it at the convention, his report might be considered flavored by a personal interest. We therefore give our readers the report of the convention as the Philadelphia Press published it:

Pennsylvania Democracy cleaned house Tuesday, the change being done in the Majestic Theatre at the meeting of the State convention. The operation which became part of the history of the party, Guffey, Hall, Donnelly, Dewalt, Brennan, Ritter and all their associates were thrown into the political discard and with them went all the methods and machinery that became part of the Democratic party when control of the State organization passed into their hands a score of years ago.

In their stead have come new leaders, new ideals, new methods. A little band of militant Democrats, headed by the one-time captain of Yale's football team, Vance C. McCormick of Harrisburg, has routed the old guard, horse, foot and dragoons after a two years' fight. It was a struggle in which every inch of the way was contested by the methods of the old guard and ambushes of political warfare. Tuesday night the group of reorganizers that formed immediately following the Allentown convention celebrated a victory that was won clearly, honorably and decisively.

With McCormick as Joseph O'Brien, the fighting District Attorney of Lackawanna county, whose decisive defeat of former Judge James Gay Gordon, of Philadelphia, for the permanent chairmanship of the convention, broke the spirit of the old guard and smashed into fragments the fight it had planned. Beside him also are A. Mitchell Palmer, Congressman from the Monroe District; William B. Wilson, labor leader, and Congressman from the Tioga District; Roland S. Morris, lawyer and reformer from Philadelphia; George W. Guthrie, former reform Mayor of Pittsburgh; James M. Blakeslee, of Carbon county, and the rest of the gallant little company of reorganizers.

"Victory to Be Permanent."

Back of the exhilaration that comes from a good victory is the stern purpose that the victory is to be permanent.

"We can't quit," said O'Brien after the convention. "We have redeemed Pennsylvania for the plain people in the Democratic party, and it is our plain duty to see to it that the conditions shall not be restored. We are a united party and we intend to give the Flinn machine that has obtained control of the Republican party a drubbing that will be memorable."

Although the convention named William H. Berry, of Chester, for State Treasurer, and Robert Emmet Cresswell, of Johnstown, for Auditor General, signs are not wanting which point to fusion with the Keystone party. It is suggested quietly that, in the event of a fusion arrangement, the name of Mr. Cresswell will be withdrawn and a strong independent Republican from the western part of the State, preferably from Pittsburgh, substituted. That, however, is a matter for negotiations and one that will not come to pass for several weeks.

From first to last the convention was in absolute control of the reorganizers. This was demonstrated upon the only test vote of the day, that of permanent chairman.

Although that was announced as 116 for Joseph O'Brien to 73 for ex-Judge Gordon, the accurate count showed 109 for the Lackawanna county man. Only 122 votes were cast and one of the 122 was a miscount of one vote. Ex-Judge Gordon gracefully accepted the defeat and it was upon his motion seconded by John M. Flynn, the right hand of Senator J. K. P. Hall, in Elk county, that Mr. O'Brien's selection was made by acclamation.

Fight Over Donnelly.

Defeat for the old guard at the very opening of the convention was averted only by Judge Gordon withdrawing the name of the Philadelphia leader, Charles P. Donnelly as a delegate. Mr. Donnelly had presented credentials substituting himself for a delegate in a district other than that in which he resides. Mr. Palmer raised the point of order that, under the precedents of previous Democratic State conventions, each substitute for a delegate must be from the delegates own district in a district other than that in which he resides. Mr. Palmer raised the point of order that, under the precedents of previous Democratic State conventions, each substitute for a delegate must be from the delegates own district in a district other than that in which he resides. Mr. Palmer raised the point of order that, under the precedents of previous Democratic State conventions, each substitute for a delegate must be from the delegates own district in a district other than that in which he resides.

ANOTHER CHAPTER ON ANCIENT BRUSHVALLEY

FROM THE INTERESTING PEN OF W. R. BIERLY.

HISTORY OF PROLIFIC FAMILY

Tells of Tannery Built in 1820 Where Hides Were Cured by Slow Process—Leather Was Hauled in "Schooners" to Philadelphia Markets.

It is a fact in etymology to be noted by educators that nearly all German proper names have a particular meaning to signify "the eternal fitness of things," as the metaphysicians would term it. Since this article will have to do, largely, with that section of Brushvalley known as Brungart's, it may be premised that the name is a contraction of "Brunne 'n' Garten"—a well in the garden.

The progenitor of the Brungart's—a prolific race now numbering its genealogy, as gathered by Jasper R. Brungart, Rebersburg, Pa., over fifteen hundred descendants—was Martin, who took up and purchased land from Miles, amounting to nearly four hundred acres, about 1802, west of where Brungart's school house and the Lutheran church now memorialize the locality. The message where he pitched his tabernacle is now owned by Walter Kreider and occupied by Ellis Wolf. The tract in which stood the old school house was once owned by Mr. Duba. In it such distinguished teachers wielded the birchen rod of authority as Rev. L. Krider, E. Evans, of "Egg Hill," now at Pottsville, and the great educational prototype Dr. D. M. Wolf, who was once professor in Franklin and Marshall at Lancaster and County Superintendent of Centre county. Sam'l Walker and others followed in the long line. The Lutheran church was built on a part of the same land about 1867, during the ministry of Rev. W. S. Purr, who now resides at Penn. Brook, near Harrisburg, Pa. The Brungart tract was located, immediately west of it. Mr. Brungart bought it in 1798 and with his family moved up from York county in 1802. The remains of both patriarch and his consort, Catharine, rest in the Union cemetery, east of Logansville.

After his death the plantation was partitioned, his son George taking one part and his son Jacob another part. The other two sons, Martin and John, moved to Sugar valley and acquired large holdings east of Logansville. From the line of Martin II, descended numerous men and women who branched out from Sugar valley. For example, his son George was the father of Lutz Haven, and his son John was the father of Henry, whose son David M. was county superintendent of Clinton county, and died last year.

Recurring now to the sons who returned to the farm, Jacob continued to farm until he died. His son Samuel succeeded him and the place then descended to Thomas and is now owned by Cella Brungart who resides in Rebersburg. It is occupied by Wilhelms Ziesler, John, who was a son of Jacob, removed to New York, east of Salona, and raised a family there. His son Austin married Della, the youngest daughter of Dr. Samuel Stroecker, of Rebersburg. Other sons were: George, Frederick, just named, was the father of William who married Jane, the only daughter of Melchior Bierly and lives near Salona. He was also the father of Emory who married Miss Mack, a sister of the wife of the late Hon. Wm. Alexander, of Millheim. After her decease he married Della, the widow of Austin and they now reside at Williamsport.

George Brungart, I, continued to farm his place in Sugar valley and raise his large family. His sons Jacob, George and Daniel. His daughter Catharine married Jacob Erhard, whose plantation joined Samuel Brungart on the west; Susanna married Benjamin, the late father of George Hines, of Rebersburg, and a sister Mary Rorer; Sarah married Samuel Frank, once Associate Judge of Centre county, who was the father of Dr. George Frank of Millheim; James P. of Rebersburg, farmer and progressive democrat; the late Luther Evans and Paulina, wife of Reuben D. Bierly. Another daughter, Margaret, married a daughter of Philip Gramley, Sr. and was the grandfather of S. V. Hosterman, a prominent member of the Lancaster, Pa. bar, associated with G. Ross Eshelman.

George, I, in 1826 built a tannery and manufactured leather, which, when made into boots and shoes was cured and water tight, not like the acid-killed shoes of today. He brought up from York county Jacob Steffy to operate the tannery. The process then was to place the hides in bark-curing vats where they lay for six months or more and then they were taken out and worked and scraped by hand and thoroughly dried. A pair of boots made out of cow hide thus tanned would last a man ten years or more unless he burned them or cut them with an ax.

In the present day of swift lunacy, air ships, automobiles, Titanic efforts to sail through icebergs, etc., the bullock is killed at 8 a. m. and at 6 p. m. the next day hides are water soaked and ready for the cobbler. The leather made by Brungart and Steffy was hauled to Philadelphia to market by wagon. They had covered wagons in those days with broad tires which did not easily mire and behind the big body was a feed trough. They carried their fare with them for a trip to Philadelphia could not be made in four hours. The return cargo of this Conestoga wagon, called "a prairie schooner" in the west, was usually "store goods" and supplies for the merchants there at Centre Mills. The route lay through the narrow, The road having been laid out by the Northumberland county court, to Selinsgrove, below which they ferried the Susquehanna river. They then crossed the hills and mountains of southwest Schuylkill county and passed through Rebersburg in Berks county, crossing the Schuylkill river at Reading and usual-

NEW GAME PRESERVE.
To Be Located in Centre County on Forestry Property.
Pennsylvania's state game commission will establish its sixth game preserve this summer, and a site in Centre county will be selected if preliminary negotiations are completed as anticipated.

The commission received an appropriation to create three new preserves, and two have already been laid out and stocked with deer, quail and other game in Perry and Westmoreland counties.

Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the commission, says that in spite of reports to the contrary, game weather during the winter pretty well, and the loss of birds could not get food. Where sportsmen and farmers helped to feed the birds there was no trouble at all, and game will be abundant this fall.

A NARROW ESCAPE.
A Little Girl Struck by Lightning on Wednesday.

Wednesday afternoon a severe storm passed over this section and was accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning. Down at McCoy's works, near Milesburg, there was a narrow escape from bolt of lightning. Myrtle, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lucas, was in the house on the couch and other children were near her. A bolt of lightning struck the chimney and passed down through the building. Little Myrtle was struck by the flash which tore her shoes and left them ablaze. The plastering and wood work was also damaged considerably. The little girl suffered no serious injury, but the erection of a new Western Penitentiary, was that such site must be located within the limits of the western penitentiary district of the state of Pennsylvania, as now created and defined by law.

Two Altona Infants Abandoned.
Two babies were left on Altona door steps on Friday night. Two young men discovered what they at first thought was a bundle of old clothes on the steps of the Altona door, and on Friday night they examined it, and were surprised to find a healthy girl baby wrapped snugly in a lot of old clothes. The care of the baby was given over to the hospital and since the numerous applications have been made for adopting it.

The other infant, a boy, was left on the porch of Harry Hartman at South Lakesport, by a young woman thought to be the child's mother. The evident intention of the woman was to place the baby in good hands, and had chosen the Hartman's, as she had made inquiry at several doors in regard to the latter's place of residence. Mrs. Hartman has decided to keep the youngster.

Disciple Pastor Resigns.
Rev. W. H. Patterson, pastor of the Disciple churches in Howard and Blanchard, has decided to accept the invitation extended to him from Bradford county, and has notified his congregation to that effect. His resignation is to take effect not later than September 1st, and earlier than that date a successor can be obtained. Mr. Patterson's new pastorate will embrace a group of churches with a residence near Canton, and will carry with it an increase of \$200 in salary.

New Store.
This week arrangements were perfected by which Sim Baum, the popular clothing man, secures the rooms formerly occupied by Pearce Bros. at State College, and in the course of a few weeks will open a first class clothing store at that place. With a store in Bellefonte and at State College, they will be able to buy goods at better advantage and give their patrons a better service. With the increase in State College, there is an opportunity to do business.

Hotel Burned.
The Park hotel in Grass Flat, owned and conducted by Joseph Strickland, caught fire from a defective fuse and was totally destroyed early Thursday morning 2nd. Most of the contents of the building was saved. The Park hotel was a handsome structure, built for Edgar Sheffer of Philadelphia, who formerly conducted it.

Suffering From Bullet Wound.
Annie Leone, a 9 year old Italian girl of Janesville, was taken to the Philadelphia hospital last week with a bullet wound in her abdomen. The bullet came out at the back, yet she has a chance for recovery. She had been playing with a revolver.

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PENITENTIARY SITE FINALLY APPROVED
QUESTION OF LOCATION CAUSES SOME DELAY.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DECISION
is Located in the Western Part of the State—Act of 1871 Settled the Contention—Auditor General Can Now Sign Warrants.

For some time there has been a suspense in Penitentiary news, and no one seemed to know the cause. There was some uncertainty as to the location selected complying with the act authorizing the new penitentiary. It is said that parties in Westmoreland county protested that Centre county was not in the "Western" part of the state hoping later to secure the site for themselves. A hearing and argument took place last week before Auditor General and the following report of same appeared in the Pittsburg papers last Thursday:

It is stated that in the act of 1871 the counties of Cameron, Potter, Clinton, Centre, Mifflin, Juniata and Fulton are attached to the western district of Pennsylvania so far as respects the punishment of offenders convicted in said counties. He says: "The line dividing Pennsylvania into two penitentiary districts is accurately defined by the foregoing legislation, and its location is presumed to have been known to the Legislature of 1911. Giving to the phrase 'in the western part of the state,' its ordinary meaning, therefore, as applied to the subject matter with regard to which it was used, I am of the opinion that the only limitation intended by the Legislature to be placed upon the discretion of the board of inspectors of the Western Penitentiary in the matter of the selection of a site for the erection of a new Western Penitentiary, was that such site must be located within the limits of the western penitentiary district of the state of Pennsylvania, as now created and defined by law."

The attorney general says the new site is wholly within Centre county, and, as that county is in the western district, the selection is within the discretion vested in the board by law.

Coleville Boys in Trouble.
Tuesday evening Darlus Cole, Harry Cole, Harry McMurtrie and Adam Wolfe, four young men of Coleville were given a hearing in Squire Musser's office on the charge of writing and sending annoying letters to a young lady in the place. About the first of April, William Price moved his family from Eagleville to Coleville, and one of his daughters, Miss May, a comely lass, became an object of admiration among the Coleville boys. Notes were frequently received at the Price home, signed and unsigned, until the annoyance became unbearable. The names of some of the boys were secured and information brought against them which accounts for their presence before the Squire. In the course of the evidence it developed that Harry McMurtrie had no connection with the sending of notes and letters to the young lady, and Squire Musser exonerated him. Adam Wolfe was also discharged as innocent, but the Cole boys were compelled to stand for the costs, which amounted to \$11, two-thirds of which were put upon Darlus Cole and one-third on Harry Cole. In their own behalf the boys claimed to have meant no harm in sending the letters, but they were sharply reprimanded by the Squire, which will no doubt be a well learned lesson.

FARMER FOILS GYPSIES' SCHEME
Nomads Turn Stock Loose in Pasture Without Owner's Consent.

The following from Monday's issue of the DuBois Courier tells of a band of gypsies who "got in wrong" in that vicinity:

"The big band of gypsies that has been camping along the road at the eastern end of the DuBois meadows, last some horses Saturday night. 'This is the way it happened: Thursday night the gypsies opened the fence and turned 60 horses into the meadow. The pasture was fine and some of the fence was chopped up for firewood and the 60 horses turned into the meadow again Friday night. It was such a snap that the horses were turned in again Saturday night, with fair prospects that the horses would have good feeding for several more nights before the drove had the meadow tramped over enough to spoil it for pasture entirely. But Mr. DuBois' farmer, John Young, learned of the scheme and Saturday evening, accompanied by a couple of officers and a number of deputies, went up to the upper meadow just after dark and quietly waited for the stock to be turned in again. The horses were put in and the gypsies withdrew to the domestic circles in their tents and wagons. They had a liberal supply of Saturday night liquid refreshments and, as they escaped so easily the previous nights, were rather indifferent to what might transpire over in the meadow, and Mr. Young and the officers rounded up a head of horses and drove them down to the farm barn. They went back of the meadow, rounded up another lot, and drove them to the barn. They then found they had 24 likely appearing horses, enough to hold the hostages until the gypsies settled the bill for damages. About 20 wilder horses were left to roam the meadow, and yesterday when the gypsies went out to 'do their chores' and get ready for church, that was all the horses they could find. Later on their consternation was abated some by the information that their 24 missing horses had not run away, or been taken by horse thieves, but were being well taken care of down in the farm barn. The leader and some of his most trusted lieutenants went to the barn, where the stock was being carefully guarded, and offered \$2 a piece for the horses. At that time they could not get the gypsies to sell the horses, to say nothing of the damage to the meadow, and were informed that Mr. DuBois' bill was about \$1,000. They retired to hold council in the shade of their wagons. 'No doubt the same band will be more careful in the future, when they go out after dark and turn 60 horses into somebody's meadow night after night—taking them out by dawn in the morning—to keep sentries on guard, as their means supposed to be largely represented in the number of horses they have gathered up in their begging and thieving expeditions through the country, and do not work, living one generation after another, entirely upon the industry of others.'

Col. Astor's Will Made Public.
The will of the late John Jacob Astor, as made public, shows it to have been drawn last September, a few days after his marriage to Miss Madeline Talmage Force, and approximately seven months before he perished with the sinking of the Titanic. The executor, a son, who will come to age within the year, is made the principal beneficiary of the estate which is valued anywhere from \$75,000,000 to \$150,000,000. Aside from provisions for Vincent Astor, the will provides for unconditional bequests of only \$276,500. Among these there is only one of a charitable nature. This is \$30,000 to St. Paul's School at Concord, N. H.

Nearly all other provisions of the will, as made public, deal with the trust funds of which there are three \$5,000,000 for the young widow; \$5,000,000 for the colonel's young daughter, Marie; the child of his former wife, A. W. Willing Astor, and \$3,000,000 for the expected posthumous child of the present widow.

No provision is made for the wife who divorced him; and if the young widow dies or marries again the \$5,000,000 trust fund, together with the town house and other property left to her, reverts to Vincent Astor. She receives, however, \$100,000 outright without further stipulation.

Lyric Under New Management.
On Monday the new lyric moving picture theatre, owned by Mr. Brandman, was leased by Harry Harper and will hereafter be conducted under his management. Mr. Harper recently moved to Bellefonte from Centre Hall and has been employed as a machinist in Ketchline's garage. The Lyric since the first day of its opening has been enjoying a fine patronage, and the new manager's aim will be to merit a continuance of the public's approval by providing the best pictures to be secured and conducting an orderly house. Mr. Brandman will now devote his time exclusively to his store, which required too much attention in addition to looking after the moving picture business.

Promised to Be Good.
Andrew Forish, a slav miner residing at Osceola Mills, on the Centre county side, filled up with bad booze on Monday, of last week, drove his family from the house, threw the furniture out and locked himself in. Officer Frank Sparling and a constable found him there. Charges were preferred against him, and he was taken to Bellefonte, but his wife succeeded in obtaining his release. He has promised to be good.

Pastor for Lutherans.
Following the regular Sunday evening services, the Lutherans of Philadelphia held a congregational meeting and unanimously elected Rev. J. H. Keller, of Homestead, Md., as pastor of the First Lutheran church. Rev. Keller has accepted the call, and will preach on next Sunday, May 13th.

Brick Company Expanding.
The General Refractory company with plants at Sandy Ridge, Blue Ball and Clayburg, has taken over the plant of the Karlsruhe Fire Brick corporation and will increase the capacity to 60,000 bricks a day.

Marriage Licenses.
Walter H. Young - - - Philadelphia
Nellie Hurley - - - Philadelphia
Renj. H. Sweetman, Wilmington, Del.
Ruth A. McCafferty - - - Bellefonte

Hospital Notes.
Operations:—Mrs. Priscilla Glenn, State College; Robert Brown, and Miss Mary Graden, of Bellefonte.
Admitted for treatment:—Edward Treasler, Rock; Margaret Irvin, of Pleasant Gap.
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Badger, of Bellefonte.
Discharged:—Charlie Holt, aged 5 months, Bellefonte; George Miller, of State College; Jonathan Royer, of Zion.

Twenty-eight patients now in the hospital.

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