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Democratic State Convention.

HARRISBURG, Pa., January 8, 1868. The Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania have fixed WEDNESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF MARCH, 1868, at 12 o'clock m., as the time, and the Hall of the House of Representatives, at Harrisburg, as the place, for holding the annual Convention of the party.

New Volume.

The Thirty-third volume of the DEMOCRAT and STAR commences with this number, and that, too, under encouraging auspices. The DEMOCRAT is to-day the oldest paper in Columbia County, with a local circulation equal, if not larger, than any other paper in the county.

The coming campaign bids fair to be of more interest than any heretofore passed through; and it is the duty of every Democrat to lead his assistance in the circulation of all Democratic papers.

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We hope to be able to inform our readers in our next issue that some official, or official body at Washington has so retrieved himself or itself as to give the country hope.

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FOR THE DEMOCRAT.

Temperance Convention.

The Northumberland District Convention of the L. O. of G. T. met in the Hall of Pleasant Retreat Lodge, at Northumberland, on the evening of February 12th, and was called to order by J. M. Emerson, W. C. T., at 7 o'clock.

Twelve of the twenty Lodges of the District were represented. The following Committee were appointed to draft Resolutions: I. M. Loidy, Rev. J. A. Price, B. F. Hughes, W. M. Gearhart. It was resolved to suspend regular order of business at 3 o'clock, to-morrow, P. M., for the invitation of candidates. On motion, resolved that Rev. S. C. Swallow be invited to deliver an address in the Church to-morrow evening. Report of the Committee on the publication of Temperance Literature was presented by its Chairman, and by vote laid over till to-morrow, but by reconsideration of above vote was again brought before the Convention. The following papers after much debate, were selected to publish weekly, at least a half column of temperance literature, on the terms submitted by the editors, viz: American Lutheran, Lewisburg Chronicle, Northumberland Co. Democrat, Shamokin Herald and Bloomington Democrat. Bros. Caveny, Miles and Warden were appointed a Committee to make pro rata assessment on the Lodges of the District to carry out the provisions of the above Report. Convention then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 a. m. Closing ode was sung, prayer offered by Rev. Mr. Porter of the Unitarian Church, Chaplain pro tem, and Convention dismissed.

THURSDAY MORNING. Convention opened with singing, and prayer by the Rev. J. A. Price, W. C. pro tem. E. M. Gunnison was extended the courtesy of the Convention as reporter of the press. The delegation from Espy presented credentials and were admitted to seats.

It was resolved that \$10.75 be added to the appropriation for publishing temperance articles in County papers, being indebtedness of Convention, and the aggregate be referred to former Committee for a new assessment. On motion it was decided to consider the Resolutions presented by the business Committee *seriatim*. The following Resolutions were adopted, after vigorous and interesting discussion by Bros. Price, Hughes, Emerson, Porter, Kline, Gearhart, Miles, and Swallow.

Resolved, That we recognize in intemperance the great scourge of our country and world, and whereas, we are bound together for the purpose of uniting all social and moral elements of reform in an unceasing warfare against this giant evil. Therefore,

Resolved, That all members of the order in good standing in attendance at present Convention be admitted to advisory membership; having all the privileges of this Convention, except voting, and serving in office, or on Committee.

Resolved, That this Convention recommend the Lodges composing it, to make special efforts for securing to membership in the order Ministers of the Gospel, and that an invitation be extended to all Ministers to preach an occasional sermon on the subject of Temperance.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves anew to devote our energies more fully to the advancement of the temperance cause, by going out among the degraded victims of intemperance, stretching forth the hand of charity, and reaching onward, and downward, to save the drunkard from his fearful doom, and restore him to home, family and friends, as well as by striving to induce the friends of temperance to connect themselves with our order.

Resolved, That we in sympathy with all sister temperance organizations, and that we hail them an efficient co-workers in advancing our holy cause.

Resolved, That we recommend the G. T. of Pennsylvania take into consideration the propriety of changing the signs of the order. Resolved, That at the public meeting this evening, the W. C. T. be instructed to extend to the people of Northumberland, the thanks of the Convention for the hospitality shown us on this occasion. B. F. Hughes presented the following preamble and resolution which was adopted: Whereas, We believe that the cause of temperance is right, and that under the blessing of God, the right must eventually be triumphant; therefore,

Resolved, That notwithstanding the fact that the cause of temperance has sustained an apparent defeat in the State of Massachusetts, and seems far from triumphing in any State, our confidence in the ultimate triumph of our cause is undiminished; our belief that— The right, and the right, And the truth must be; And come what there may, To stand in the way, That day the world must see, is increasing as our faith in God's goodness and power is increasing. S. C. Swallow was appointed to secure a speaker for next Convention. Selingsgrove, Sunbury, and Bloomburg were nominated as places for holding next Convention. Bloomburg was chosen. The Committee on assessment reported. Report was adopted and Committee discharged. The Secretary was designated to receive and disburse the proceeds. Rev. F. B. Riddle, A. N. Brice, Wm. J. Biddleman were appointed a Committee to prepare, or select temperance articles for the papers already mentioned. Adjourned to meet at 6:30 in the Hall, and proceed thence in regalia to audience room of Presbyterial Church. Met pursuant to adjournment. The meeting in the Church was large. Speeches were delivered by Emerson, Hughes, and Swallow. The Northumberland Band discoursed sweet music at intervals. We have reason to believe that the Convention has encouraged its delegates, and will give the good cause a new impetus in Northumberland. S. C. SWALLOW, Sec'y.

NEWS ITEMS.

—Strawberries are fifty cents a box in New Orleans.

—Charles Saltz, of Easton, is said to own a cow that averages thirty-two quarts of milk a day.

—Last week Ashabula, Ohio, was visited by snow fleas, which appeared in such numbers as to blanket the snow.

—The assets of Elk county show an excess of \$17,848.02 over liabilities.

—The largest number of churches ever erected in Pennsylvania were put up last year.

—The Paris Exposition cleared \$600,000.

—There are over 1000 insane in Ohio, unprovided for.

—The divorcees granted in Chicago last year numbered 200.

—Saginaw, Michigan, makes 400,000 barrels of salt annually.

—Huntington, Pa., is infested with deer and bears.

—In Nebraska the Government own 48,000,000 acres of unimproved lands.

—Col. Bowie, the Governor elect of Maryland, keeps a stable of one thousand horses.

—During last year Illinois received an addition to her population of 17,000.

—The Commissioner of Agriculture estimates the corn crop of 1867 at 75,820,000 bushels, and the cotton crop at 2,340,000 bales.

—A judge in Indianapolis has sentenced a colored preacher to ten years in the penitentiary, and \$5000 fine, for marrying a negro to a white woman.

—The postage bill of the State Senate, last month, amounted to the snug sum of \$4,069.22. How are you economy!

—It is said that over 2,000,000 acres of land in Mississippi, one-seventh of all in the State, is advertised for sale under execution.

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, FROM JAN. 1st, 1867, TO JAN. 1st, 1868.

Table with columns for month/year, description of items, and amounts. Includes entries for 'To amount outstanding for 1866 and previous years', 'To Cash of Samuel Ketcher of Briarcrest for keeping Cuth. Bull.', 'To Cash of C. W. Res. Agent, Jan. 1867.', 'To Cash of County Tax Assessors, according to law, 1867.', 'To Cash for Surveys Taxes on tax maps, 1867.', 'To balance of sundry persons, redemption money.'

John J. Stiles, Treas., in account with tax on dogs: To amount outstanding for 1866 and previous years, \$ 947.00; To amount assessed for 1867, 1294.50; Total, \$2241.50.

By bal. due Treasurer per auditor's report, January 1867, 515.51; Amount outstanding and uncollected, 376.46; Exonerations allowed collectors, 38.40; Commissions allowed collectors, 83.40; Amt. sheep damage orders redeemed, 1056.75; Amt. pd. for assessing dog tax in 1867, 28.54; Amt. pd. Treasurer's com. on 1056.75, 52.84. Total, \$2211.50.

Table showing the amount of County and District taxes assessed for the year A. D. 1867, in each of the districts of the county, with columns for District, Collector, Co. tax, and Bal. due.

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BLANK BOOKS, BY amount paid for blank books for Probate, Clerk and Recorder, and assess books and tax duplications.

Table listing various items and amounts, including 'COUNTY BUILDING', 'CLEANING COUNTY HOUSE', 'COMMISSIONER'S ATTORNEY', 'COURT FEE', 'CONSTABLES RETURN', 'MAGISTRATES COURTS', 'COMMISSIONERS & CLERKS', 'DISTRICT ATTORNEY', 'POSTAGE', 'ROAD AND BRIDGE VIEW', 'SHERIFFS BILL', 'SHEEP DAMAGES', 'TIP STAVES', 'RECORDED', 'STATEMENT OF COUNTY ORDERS', 'ASSASSIN'S PAY', 'EXPENDITURES', 'DIED', 'MARRIED', 'MAGNOLIA WATER', 'MARRIED', 'MARRIED', 'MARRIED', 'MARRIED', 'MARRIED'.

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February 13th, by Rev. B. P. King, Thomas W. Purcell to Mary A. Harris, both of Buckhorn, Columbia County, Pa.

On the 10th inst., by J. M. Chamberlain, Esq., M. Bruce Johnson to Miss Belle Marr, all of Bloomburg.

On the 13th inst., in Catawissa, by Rev. D. Beckner, Jacob R. Gearhart, of Danville, to Rachel Funstane, of Catawissa.