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Republican Primary Election.

The Republican voters of Butler County are requested to meet at their usual places of holding elections on Saturday, April 14th, 1888, between the hours of one and seven o'clock, P.M., of said day to vote by ballot for one person for State Senate, two persons for Assembly, one person for Juvenile Commissioner; two persons for Delegates to the State Convention and one person for Return Judge.

Voters will also by ballot vote their choice for one person for Congress and one person for Delegate to the National Convention.

Voters will be eligible in the different sub-Districts of the county, vote for one person for Delegate to the congressional convention and one person for Delegate to the National Delegation convention.

The county committee left it to the option of the voters of the sub-districts whether there shall be one person for delegate to the Congressional convention and one person to the National delegate convention or whether they will elect one person to fill both places, the two conventions being held at different times.

The Sub-Districts of the county are as follows:

No. 1, Allegheny and Parker townships.

No. 2 Mercer, Marion and Venango townships.

No. 3, Slipperyrock and Worth townships and Connoisseurville borough.

No. 4, Cherry and Clay townships and Sunbury boroughs.

No. 5, Washington and Concord townships.

No. 6, Fairview townships, Fairview Petrolia and Karsis City boroughs.

No. 7, Oakand, Donegal, Clearfield townships and Millerton borough.

No. 8, Summit, Jefferson and Clinton townships and Saxonburg borough.

No. 9, Winfield and Buffalo townships.

No. 10, Penn and Forward townships.

No. 11, Butler township, and Butler borough.

No. 12, Adams and Middlesex townships.

No. 13, Cranberry and Jackson townships.

Connoisseurville South, Zelienople and Evans City boroughs.

No. 14, Beaver, Monaca, New Castle, Centre, Franklin and Brady townships.

Centre and Monaca creek townships.

No. 15, Centre, Franklin and Brady townships, and Prospect borough.

The Return Judges are to meet in convention at Butler, on Monday, April 16, at 1 o'clock, P.M., to count the votes and declare the results, and to attend to all other business that shall come before them. Said Return Judges shall constitute the County Committee for the ensuing year.

The election will be held under the rules governing primary elections. Republicans only are to participate in said election.

By order of the County Committee,
JAS. B. MATE, Chairman.
W. C. THOMPSON, Secy.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY—Saturday week.

Delegates to New Castle.

A friend writes us for information as to the manner of selecting the sub-Congressional and National delegates to New Castle.

Our County Committee left this point open and did not provide for any plan. The Republicans of each sub-district therefore have the right and power to select the said delegates in their own way. But the difficulty arises in districts of more than two townships—or even in two townships—which have no central point of action. In some districts some leading men have communicated by letters on the subject, and had a meeting and made the selections. This meeting was at some central point. In other districts the present Committee, of the County Committee, have met and conferred and designated the two delegates to New Castle. In other districts the said Committee have caused to be published a meeting of Republicans of same to make the selections, as will be noticed in *Citizen* of last week. This would appear to be the most judicious mode, and if not too late can be acted upon. When no agreement, or meeting of any kind is had, each township of a sub-district has the right and can vote at the coming Primary for two delegates of their own, and when counted up in the County Convention of Return Judges on the 16th inst., the two highest in vote in the whole sub-district would be the two elected, to go to New Castle. In some districts, such as No. 2, Mercer, Marion and Venango Twp., it may be inconvenient to have any general or central meeting, but there is enough time perhaps to yet have some notice given either by the Committee, or by notice by letter of otherwise, and a meeting held at some designated place to make the selections in time for the primary election. This would save confusion by concentrating the votes in all parts of a district upon the two sub-delegates to New Castle. The said sub-delegates vote at New Castle for the candidate having the highest vote in their district.

The Primary Election.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the Republican primary election next Saturday week, April 14, and if the day is any ways favorable there will be a full turnout of the voters.

Rhode Island Redeemed.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 4.—The result of the election to-day was a surprise to the Democrats, who had been building great hopes on Republican discussions. A year ago Davis, the Democratic candidate, won by a plurality of 2,984. This year he is defeated, Taft, the Republican candidate, carrying the State by about 2,000 of the general ticket. The Republicans win a sweeping victory on the Legislature, capturing this city, and about 25 of the other 35 towns. *Philadelphia Press.*

An Important Matter.

Within the next month, says the Philadelphia *Press*, nominations of candidates for the Legislature will be made by the Republicans in some of the counties, and within the next three months a large per cent. of all the nominations for the several counties will be completed. It is never too soon to give consideration to matters of such consequences as this. The next Legislature will not have a United States to elect in the natural course of events, but questions of much greater importance to the people of the State will be before it. These questions are not likely to excite such keen political interest nor serve so much to produce party division, but they will be such as the Republic can party cannot trust to other hands, and it is important that every preparation be made for Republican success in the legislative districts.

The obligation of the party to submit the prohibition constitutional amendment to a vote of the people has not yet been fully discharged, and will not be until the next session.

None of us doubt that this will be done with a Republican majority. Every one knows that it will not be if the Democrats secure control of the House. To that end Democratic effort will be directed.

The party will have the energetic assistance of the free liquor interests agitated to unusual extremes by experience legislation given the State by the Legislature. This element will lead every possible support to Democratic candidates, and that support will be accepted by the Democrats with a full understanding of what it is to mean in the event of Democratic success. The combination will have large money resources; it will be at work night and day, and it will require more than ordinary vigilance and energy to combat it. We are pleased to note, however, that a large number of persons who have for a long time voted the third party proposition, have resolved to support the Republican candidates for Assembly, realizing that a vote for third party candidates is practically half a vote in favor of the liquor interests.

It is practically impossible to change the political control of the State. One-half that body holds over With the House it is different. Every member of that body is to be elected this year, and the fact that the last House had a Republican majority of 71 and the previous House of 81 should not be accepted as settling the result. The House of 1883 had a Democratic majority of 25, and no such effort was made by the Democrats to secure it as will be made this year. We do not fear the result, but it will not produce itself. The opposition will give its attention to the close districts, and employ all its resources, and to attend to all other business that shall come before them. Said Return Judges shall constitute the County Committee for the ensuing year.

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Remember

That Republican primary election comes on Saturday, April 14.

HON. DAVID N. WHITE, for many years editor of the Pittsburgh *Gazette*, died at his residence in Sewickley, Allegheny county, on Sunday last, April 1, in the 83d year of his age. Mr. White, in his time, edited the *Gazette* with great courage and ability, and those of the old readers of that journal yet living in this country will respect his memory and regret to learn of his death. He was one of the builders-up of the Republican party.

John H. Landis, of Lancaster, the author of the primary election law, has offered himself as a candidate for State Senator for the southern district of that county, now represented by Senator Mylin. Mr. Landis proposes to practice himself what his law compels other candidates to practice, and appends to the announcement of his candidacy the following notice:

"I will not spend or authorize anyone to spend for me any money, or its equivalent, to illegally influence voters at the ensuing primary election. I will keep an itemized account of my expenses from the beginning to the close of the campaign, and will make affidavit to the correctness thereof, and will give a copy of the same to any newspaper desiring it for publication."

This is the only notice to the party strikers, who support candidates for office only, that Mr. Landis is not after their votes or influence and does not intend to waste any time or money on them. His services to the cause of honest legislation and an honest ballot entitle him to the nomination and election he seeks. That he will be successful, however, is not at all certain; for the honest voters, who are doubtful in the majority in Lancaster, as in most places, are sometimes indifferent to the cause of honest government, while the bondsmen are ever alert to their own interests.—*Philadelphia Press.*

COMMUNICATIONS.

Franklin Twp., School No. 3.

FRANKLIN TWP.—Please publish my final report of Mile Run School, for the term ending March 22. Number enrolled, 44; Sadie, Mattie, Mollie and Lizzy English, Mollie McClintock, Lottie Ray, Bell Hayes, Annie Shannon, Willie Neely, Johnnie Ray, and Tommy McClintock missed no days during the term. Chatty Stickle, Ford English, Howard English, and Carl Campbell missed but one day; and Susie English, Frankie English, Mertie Weigle and Eddie Neely missed two days during the term; and Mattie English and Tommy McClintock received no tardiness during the term.

Average attendance during the term, 36. Per cent. of attendance during the term, 93. Report of A Spelling class, Mollie English, 100 per cent.; Sadie English, Unattractive Stickle, Judson English, Charlie Neely, 98 per cent.; Edna Weigle, Susie English, John Weigle, Edward Stickle, Eddie Neely, Mattie English, Mertie Weigle, Amy Neely, 90 per cent.; Lizzy English and Willie Neely, 94 per cent.; Carl Campbell, 90 per cent.; Wilbert Weigle, 80 per cent.

SCHOOL DAY.—The school gave an exhibition for which all who took part need praise. A song, entitled Little Jessie, sung by Annie Shannon, a little girl 9 years of age, was a leading feature of the performance, and another song by Frank and Mattie Weigle, two small girls, 6 years of age, was well worthy of praise.

I cannot give a list of all the performances, but the Essays and Declamations were all well delivered, and the Dialogue delivered by Bell Hayes and Lottie Ray was all that could be expected; and I must say that all the performers need praise. The school closed on Thursday, March 22, by all taking part in a picnic, which was composed of cakes, pies and plenty of chicken, oranges, peanuts, Declamations, Recitations and spicy speeches.

This school numbered 29 last winter; increase this winter 15. No school can give satisfactory returns, without parents and teacher working together.

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Clinton Township Items.

Miss Bell Norris started on Monday morning to attend school at Ouray Institute.

Miss Eva Cunningham has gone to Prospect to attend school.

Mr. Will McKibbin has gone to the city, where he will work the coming summer.

Miss Rebecca Riddle, who has been attending school at Indiana, is home on a visit.

Mr. Holce Brewster met with an accident last Saturday. While chopping he let the ax slip and cut his foot very seriously.

The party at Mr. Edward Setton's last Thursday night was well attended and quite a social success. It ended in leap-year style, the ladies escorting the gentlemen home.

Mr. John B. Davis, of Clinton, has removed to Allegheny City.

TOPSY AND TURVY.

Clinton Township Items.

Mrs. Sims, wife of David Sims, died on the 25th of March at her residence in Evans City, where they have been living only a few months.

James Waters died at his residence in Forward township, in the 76th year of his age.

Andrew Ulrich, who formerly lived near this place, is here on a visit to his old friends. He is now in the 85th year of his life and looks hearty.

The new U. P. Church is finished and will be dedicated the latter part of April.

The Pittsburgh Conference of the Eastern District of the Ohio Synod (Lutheran body) is now in session here. They will stay in session about three days.

Leonard Homalle has got back from his trip through California and Oregon and is so well pleased with that he has said he would stay another winter.

David Barto will go west if he can sell his property that he has in this place.

Mt. Chestnut.

April 2, 1888.

The friends and neighbors of Mr. J. R. Johnston, who had his arm crushed at the saw-mill some three months ago, assembled at his home on Thursday of last week; that being the eleventh anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston's marriage, took possession of the house and vacant store-room, seated tables and set out a splendid dinner, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

XENOPHON.

—There were 132 communicants at the services in the English Lutheran Church of this place last Sunday, a larger number than ever before communed in that church.

Lightning Strikes An Oil Tank.

EMLENTON, PA., April 2.—During a thunder-storm at 2 o'clock this morning lightning struck a 12,000 barrel oil tank owned by the National Transit Company, causing a large fire, which was put out by the fire department.

WATERS.—In Forward to this country,

BOWEN.—Tuesday morning, April 3, 1888, Mr. Frederick Bowen, of Spring Hill, died at 12 o'clock.

BLACK.—In Marion twp., this county, Thursday evening, March 29, 1888, Mrs. Margaret Black, wife of William Black, aged 70 years.

WATERS.—In Forward to this country,

WATERS.—In Forward to this country, Mr. James Waterson, in the 77th year of his age.

Mr. Waters had been a citizen of this country for 50 years, and this year he came to Butler to reside in the county where he had been born on the farm he then owned.

RIDDLE.—On Thursday, March 29, 1888, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Riddle of Clinton, aged 3 years.

WALTERS.—In Etna, Allegheny county, Pa., March 22, 1888, Mrs. Josephine M. Walters, widow of Mr. John Walters, daughter of Mr. Alex M. Hays, and granddaughter of Mr. E. W. Hays, of Penna. twp., this county, aged 27 years and 4 months.

DEATHS.

Announcements of deaths published free, but all communications still be charged for at the rate of one-half cent for each word, money to accompany the order.

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