

THE CITIZEN

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Subject to the Republican Primary...

FOR CONGRESS, Hon. THOMAS W. PHILLIPS.

FOR ASSEMBLY, (Two to nominate) JAMES N. MOORE.

THOMAS HAYS, Of Butler.

D. B. DOTY, Of Forward.

W. H. RITTER, Of Butler.

JAMES B. MATHEW, Of Butler.

HARLAN BOCK, Of Franklin twp., formerly of Worth.

FOR JURY COMMISSIONER, A. O. EBERHART, Of Butler Twp.

H. W. NICHOLS, Of Butler (formerly of Penn.).

PHILLIP HILLIARD, Esq., Of Hillsdale.

JOHN LAMORSE, Of Concord twp.

OHY T. CRANER, Of Franklin twp.

T. ALBERT BARTLEY, Of Clinton twp.

DAVID W. LOCKE, Of Marston Twp.

FOR DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION, (Three to elect) Dr. J. C. BARR, Of Adams.

J. M. MCCOY, Of Fairview.

GEO. W. COOPER, Of Slipperhook.

W. H. H. RIDGEL, Of Butler.

J. S. CAMPBELL, Of Cherry twp.

J. O. KIRKENDALL, Of Butler.

What Does Magee Want Now?

Mr. C. L. Magee objects through the columns of the Pittsburg "Times" to the agitation against Cameron that is now going on.

He says that the great question before the Republican party of Pennsylvania is the tariff, and that Cameron is a candidate for re-election this year, and that to every Republican it will be expected to elect him to defeat the tariff bill.

He says that it is unjust to raise the question of his succession.

Mr. Magee evidently believes in looking the stable door only after the horse has been stolen.

He would give Cameron an opportunity to elect his friends without opposition and not consider the Senatorial question until this had been accomplished, when, of course, it would be too late.

Be sides, he is not honest when he says that Cameron is not a candidate this year.

He says that Cameron is a candidate, for the twenty-five State Senators to be elected in November will every one of them have a vote for his successor.

This, then, is the proper time to raise the Cameron issue if it is to be raised at all.

It is desired to re-elect Mr. Cameron the way to do it is to follow Mr. Magee's advice.

Lancaster county Republicans understand the situation well enough, and they have settled it so far as they are concerned nominating a candidate who will oppose Cameron's re-election. In every one of the twenty-five districts a like issue should be raised. Let the voters decide.

The attitude of Mr. Magee suggests the query: What does he want to do, or does he simply wish to throw dust in the eyes of the people of Pennsylvania? Inquirer.

The Coal Miners' Strike.

Composite census figure in the great strike inaugurated in the soft coal fields that directly affects 107,000 men, nearly all of whom have obeyed the order of the Executive Board of the United Mine Workers' Association and quit work.

The basis of the strike is the resolution of the late national convention of the association declaring it to be the purpose of the general assembly to restore the scale of prices for mining and the conditions of employment which prevailed at the beginning of the present scale year.

It simplifies matters to know that the scale of the year in contention was 70 cents a ton, which was paid in Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia and in Pennsylvania, but which reductions placed at 50 cents a ton in the three States named as low as 35 cents in this State. No average coal price has been over 45 cents and in some spots it has been 32 cents.

The bituminous section in Pennsylvania is represented in Clearfield, Jefferson, Cambria, Indiana, Butler, Westmoreland, Fayette, Elk and Somerset counties. These counties have 1,081,700, or about one-fifth of the population of the State. In certain territory notably Fayette, Allegheny and Westmoreland, the soft coal product is taken up in the coke ovens that ship an average of 30,000 cars a week that ship to the markets of the country. In other parts the Clearfield and Jefferson soft coal is the best known for the steamship trade. It is confined to a few operators supplying Buffalo, Rochester and New York City, The Cambria, Indiana, Elk, Butler and Somerset trade is with railroads. This is in a strike that magnifies more than 50 cents a ton in the three States named as low as 35 cents in this State. No average coal price has been over 45 cents and in some spots it has been 32 cents.

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Without doubt the chief-maker in all these fields is the walking delegate of the local body connected with the United Mine Workers. This delegate has been numerous in every county where the miner appears to have exclusive control as an industrial force. Two weeks ago it was considered important to elect the counties independent of the coke section in the strike project, and to accomplish this certain delegates were given special attention to popular counties like Reynoldsville, Punxsutawney, Daubois and Houtzdale in the Clearfield region.

Two reductions have been made on the scale in almost as many weeks, but the miners appeared satisfied to assist the operators, who claimed to have lost their best market by competition. The Cambria situation was similar, the mining price of 45 cents a ton not having been reduced 35 cents because the Du Bois operators had too great an advantage and undercut the Cambria operators. The 60 mines in Northern Cambria are in the strike solely on that account, and the 103 mines in the Clearfield and are in the movement with out any other apparent design than the one laid out by the walking delegate, whose instance has been that the United Mine Workers want a general suspension.

At 35 cents a ton soft coal mining is very profitable to the operators. They are able to secure a reasonable return under the 70 cent scale, which has rarely been paid in this State during the past ten years. In a strike that magnifies more than 50 cents a ton in the three States named as low as 35 cents in this State. No average coal price has been over 45 cents and in some spots it has been 32 cents.

The composite census exert a power in the settlement that mean simply a uniform scale of price or an agreement in which each region will be governed by the trade and demand of the market. Every region must be governed by its own laws.—Pittsburgh Times.

Washington Notes.

Coxey's army, and the stupid but dangerous speech made about it on Friday by Allen, the Populist Senator from Nebraska, were the theme upon which Gen. Hawley, of Connecticut, made a rattling address in the Senate Friday.

Gen. Hawley does not talk much of late, but when he does his old-time vigor and fire flame forth as brilliantly as ever. He did not stop to pick his words, but asserted that Allen's speech, "Had it not, requiring a microscope, but visible to the naked eye, the fact was that the alleged mission of Coxey and his army—his demanding that Congress pass on certain laws—was made short work of the idea that the Congress of the United States must be influenced by the trade and demand of the market, especially in the Capitol dome. "We have more authoritative advice and commands from the people of the United States than Mr. Coxey can possibly bring," said Senator Hawley, and in this one pregnant sentence he put the case in a nutshell.

Mr. Hawley spoke of the universal sympathy that existed for the multitudes of unemployed in the country, but referred to the demonstration now being made by what is known as Coxey's army, an extraordinary march upon the Capitol as an extraordinary course of proceeding which is without precedent in the United States.

Senator Dolph, Republican, of Oregon, addressed the Senate some day in opposition to the tariff bill. He lauded the tariff as having stimulated every industry, started new enterprises, given employment to labor and increased domestic production and national prosperity. He declared that the Wilson bill was neither a protective measure, nor a tariff for revenue measure, but was an aggregation of incongruous provisions.

Mr. Dolph commented sarcastically on the fact that diamonds were on the free list, and said that if Senator Peffer would go out and meet Coxey's army and announce that gratifying fact, the demand for employment and bread would cease and the army would disband and go quietly home, satisfied. The question to be decided by this Congress was, he said, whether it was to legislate in the interest of the people of England, Europe and Asia or in that of the people of the United States.

In the Senate, Monday Mills spoke for the tariff bill, and the friends of the bill said they expected to have the Senate pass by the 1st of June.

Coxey's March.

The coal boats with the army on board arrived at Williamsport, Md. Thursday morning, and the army got off and out-camped on Potomac meadow.

They were met by a detachment of Hagerstown, were caught in a rain and camped on a hill-top. Their reception there was frosty and the only donations were 120 loaves of bread and a quantity of fish. They stayed there over Sunday, and five members who favored the tariff were discharged.

Tuesday night the army camped at Frederick, Md. The commonwealers ate hard-boiled eggs at Middletown and passed into Frederick, being met just outside the city by an army corps and Gen. Coxe, who had returned from New York and wanted to be right in the parade.

The general wore newly-crowned trousers, yellow gloves and showed every evidence of personal care. He was unusually cheerful.

On Wednesday the army was furnished with clubs, and on Thursday they marched to Hagerstown.

At Billings Montana, the Coxeyites who stole a freight train, were overtaken by U. S. marshals and dispossessed.

W. C. T. U. Convention.

The semi-annual convention of the Butler county Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet in Clearfield, Pa. on Friday and Saturday next.

The convention will be held at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Orin, of Clearfield, Pa. The convention will be opened by the president, Mrs. M. D. Dodds, Thursday, 11 a. m. Noon-day prayer.

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A Letter from the West.

San Jose, Cal., April 19th, 1894.

EDITOR CITIZEN.—Thinking your readers might be interested in a short sketch of a trip across Uncle Sam's Farm, I've thought we would jot down a few of the things that we saw on our trip.

On Tuesday, March 27th, 1894, at 6:00 P. M., our train leaves the West Point depot for San Francisco. In the long journey that is ahead of us. In due time we are in Pittsburg at the station where we are to change for a sleeper bound for Cincinnati. By 9:30 the train moves out, and in charge of the faithful conductor, Mr. G. W. Smith, we travel over the mass of human freight they have in charge, we retire to our berth and in a few minutes we are fast asleep.

At Cincinnati, 302 miles of our trip left behind, breakfast over and we are in the city of the "Queen City." We are in charge of the conductor, Mr. G. W. Smith, and we are to remain in the city for 14 pretty women—some of them—divorced men, blooded horses, and a dog—congressmen who are supplied with champagne to protect them from the very merry maidens known as "school girls." On our train, boys at all ages are taking us across the far-famed blue grass region, into and through the mountains, and over the top of the Allegheny, passing through twenty-seven tunnels, and emerge into the valley in which is located the beautiful city of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Our gentlemanly ticket agent, Mr. Ogden, having so arranged for us, we are soon in the city for one day to see some of the important points of interest here and vicinity. We retire for the night and in the morning find a former Butler county boy, Fred Welsh a brother of the clever Mr. Welsh of Getzville in front of us. We leave for the bald heights of Lookout Mountain and by street cars and inclines and railroads we are in the city of Lookout—similar to the boys in your county who were in the gallant "Red" at Moccasin Point, Chattanooga, Waldron Ridge, Missionary Ridge and many other points of interest in the city of Lookout. Hooker's gallant men swept the city of Lookout, and the "Red" was in the city of Lookout, on its rocky peaks above the clouds on that memorable day of long ago.

Blanche McCandless is improving fast. She is to be out after an illness of three months.

The singing school conducted by Rev. Snyder, of Butler, will have a stipend of \$100 per week for the next year.

The Petrolia Items.

Our new school house ground was surveyed Monday morning and the ground will soon be parceled for a nice one-story school house.

The M. E. Parsonage will be begun at once.

Thomas Graham is building a new house in Petrolia this summer.

Con. Nicklas talks of putting up a nice school house in Petrolia.

Clint, son of Fred Dambach, had a very bad case of scarlet fever, but is better.

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The Petrolia Trotting Association will have its first race in the near future. Four horses will start.

Our Creamery is churning some fine gull-egg butter now.

Squire Vetter's son-in-law, Isaac Myers, is in Petrolia and Evans City for a few days.

Petrolia Items.