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CAMPAIGN IS OPENED

Scene of Activity at the Republican
State Headquarters.

ANDREWS RUNS UP THE FLAG

Opposition's Forces Are Divided Over
Bitter Rows Among Democrats and
Prohibitionists.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Aug. 29.

The headquarters of the Republican state committee were formally opened this week, and the campaign for the election of the Republican state ticket has been inaugurated under the most favorable conditions.

A large force of clerks have been put to work, and a staff of stenographers are kept busy until late every night turning out the heavy mail, to which Chairman Wesley R. Andrews gives personal attention.

Owing to the fact that the preliminary work of the canvass was started unusually early this year, matters are in shape to begin active and strenuous campaigning without interruption of any kind.

"We have run up our flag, we have our forces thoroughly organized, we are prepared for a sharp and aggressive campaign and we have not the slightest doubt about the outcome," declared Colonel Andrews, as he sat at his desk at the state headquarters. "We are confronted by the same old enemy," he continued, "although a desperate attempt is being made to make it appear otherwise, and we intend to administer one of those same old lickings which we have been giving them as they confront us at the polls year after year. The Republican ticket will be triumphant this fall as usual, and the majorities will be quite up to the average for an off-year campaign."

Fusion Game Fails.

The Democrats and their insurgent Republican allies have been making a play for a fusion campaign in Pennsylvania this fall, but they have not been successful in their efforts. While they did get the Democrats to put Justice Stewart, the Republican nominee, on their ticket for the supreme court nomination, this act was not only pleasing to the stalwart Republicans because it demonstrated the wisdom of their action in nominating Justice Stewart, but also because it has disrupted the Democracy.

There are thousands of Democrats who will not vote for a Republican under any circumstances. They always resent the placing of a Republican on the Democratic ticket. When this is done they generally remain away from the polls. If they do not do that, they vote for the Democrats on their ticket and cut the Republicans who may be put on their ticket to encourage fusion schemes.

This year the Democracy, what is left of it, in Pennsylvania is in a very bad way. They not only have a Republican, Justice Stewart, at the head of their ticket, but they also have a Prohibitionist, W. H. Berry, running for state treasurer. There are already being organized anti-Berry Democratic clubs by old-line Democrats who cannot stand for a Prohibitionist. Democrats of the Jacksonian school in counties like Schuylkill, Berks, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Westmoreland, Northampton, Pike, Carbon and elsewhere resent the nomination of Prohibitionist Berry and propose to assert themselves at the coming election by voting for J. Lee Plummer, the Republican candidate for state treasurer.

They intend that James M. Guffey, the "boss" of the state Democracy, shall be taught a lesson at the coming election, and that it shall be impressed upon him that he cannot command the Democrats of Pennsylvania to vote for either Republicans or Prohibitionists to serve his own selfish purposes. They say that if they are to vote for any candidates other than Democrats they reserve to themselves the right to select such candidates themselves. Democratic leaders, they argue, are chosen to elect Democrats to office, not Prohibitionists or members of any other party.

A Pretty Fight, This.

This is a pretty fight that has sprung up among the Democrats. It not only disgusts the Democratic leaders, but it is a supreme disappointment to the sorehead Republicans or so-called insurgents who had hoped that the Democrats would be united in support of Berry, whose campaign they have been counting upon to help them in their local factional games in several counties in which they are fighting the regular Republican nominees.

With the Democracy hopelessly divided over their state ticket, and with a number of Democratic county leaders up in arms against Guffey's bossism, there can be no effective fusion campaigning in any county in the state this fall.

The Prohibition state convention, with its sensational scenes over the brutal tactics resorted to in the scheming resulting in the nomination of Berry for state treasurer, furnishes additional cause for alarm and chagrin among the

of the Prohibition state convention were not anticipated, and the large vote polled against his nomination was a complete surprise to the fusion crowd.

Since the adjournment of the Williamsport convention, hundreds of the most prominent and influential Prohibitionists in the state have publicly declared that they will not vote for Berry for state treasurer, and others have gone so far as to announce that this year they are going to vote the full Republican ticket.

Berry's Coat of Many Colors.

They say they have not renounced the cause of Prohibition, but they look upon Berry as an office-seeking jobber, who has successively espoused the cause of free silver, Bryanism, free trade, Perkerism, and now is a Prohibitionist, and no one knows what next he will advocate in order to land in a fat state office. A large majority of Prohibitionists of Pennsylvania sympathize with Republicanism, aside from their views on the prohibition of the liquor traffic. If they cannot get sincere and loyal Prohibitionists to vote for, the chances are that they will support the Republican nominees.

There has been much indignation expressed at the manipulations by the Democratic and insurgent Republican leaders which resulted in the endorsement of Berry at Williamsport, and the returns at the coming election are bound to show a falling off of the Prohibition vote for the candidate for state treasurer.

Meanwhile, with the Democrats and the Prohibitionists at odds over the selection of Berry, the Republicans throughout the state are supporting their candidate for state treasurer, J. Lee Plummer, with enthusiasm, and his election by an overwhelming majority is confidently predicted by State Chairman Andrews.

fusion conspirators. When they succeeded in lading Guffey for the nomination of Berry by the Democratic state convention, the next move was to hunt for delegates among the Prohibitionists. Through insurgent Republican influences in this city, the Philadelphia delegation to the Prohibition state convention was lined up for Berry, and this, with other delegations under like control, gave the nucleus for a Berry movement in the Williamsport Prohibition convention.

The bitter and personal attacks upon Berry which were made upon the floor

RICKETTS.

The Ricketts and Noxen Sunday schools had an excursion to Harveys Lake last Thursday. It was well attended.

Dr. J. Bradford, of Columbia X Roads, and two sons, Richard and Joe, visited his son Dr. C. M. Bradford of this place, the last of the week.

The two men supposed to have been drowned with Arthur Potter in Mud Pond, gave themselves up to the authorities at Wilkes Barre and were brought here for a hearing on Friday night. The district attorney and coroner of Luzerne county came with them. They were taken up in the woods into Luzerne county and the trial proceeded. Mr. John Green with whom Potter lived, had a map of Mud Pond and gave his evidence in a very able manner. The verdict was not given out, but the general opinion is that they will be held for court trial.

Mr. and Mrs. Coles' little daughter is much improved.

The cholera infantum epidemic seems to have nearly subsided, for a short time at least.

The Philadelphia Press says: With one accord the newspapers of the state are printing the acts of the legislature at its late session prohibiting the throwing of any kind of refuse upon the streets of any city, borough or township. It is a good law, but, like many other good laws, very little attention has been paid to it. People do not care about a law that is not enforced. The newspapers will make this act familiar in most places, but if the authorities do not act it will have small effect. Any town whose officials show a purpose to execute it will be kept clean without much cost; others cannot expect to be.

Elk county appetites must be extraordinary! The Ridgeway Democrat says that two young men of that borough drank a gallon of beer each, then bought four pounds of ham and six pounds of ginger snaps which they consumed, following this with a pie and three cucumbers and drank four cups of tea and coffee.

Death of Salathiel S. Mead.

Salathiel Mead, one of Laporte's most substantial citizens, a kind and loving husband, a pillar of the church whose sudden demise is an irretrievable loss, passed to the home of eternal rest on Sunday evening, August 27, at eight minutes of ten o'clock.

The subject of this sketch was born at Abington, Lackawanna Co., Pa., February 17, 1833. He was the eighth in a family of eleven children of whom Eleazer and Elizabeth Mead were the parents.

When a young man he learned the trade of a blacksmith and in course of time built up a large and substantial trade. On August 19, 1854, he married Elizabeth White of Clarks Green. To the union was born Charles D. and Pricilla Mead, one dying in infancy, the other ten years ago. In the spring of 1855 on account of failing health he moved to Lemon, Wyoming county. After regaining his health he returned to Clarks Green and resumed his trade as a blacksmith. Early in the year of 1878, in company with his wife, Mrs. Roberts, a sister of Mrs. Mead, and son Charles, Mr. Mead moved to Laporte township, where in a few years of tireless energy a beautiful home supplanted what was almost a trackless wilderness.

In December 1903, on account of failing health he decided to leave this farm and moved into the town of Laporte. In accordance with this decision Mr. Mead purchased a home on West Main street and remodeled it according to his taste. The continued breaking down of his health was noticed since the early part of last March. In the last few weeks of his life a very marked decline in health was evident. Death was due to a complication of diseases, mostly affecting the heart.

Mr. Mead is survived by his widow Eleeta, Mrs. J. A. Roberts, Mrs. Mary J. Keeler, a foster daughter, and Charley Mead a grand son, all of Laporte. Three brothers survive him, Benjamin, Merrit and Sylvester of Clarks Green.

The funeral was held from his late residence at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with a few appropriate passages of scripture by Rev. S. B. Bidlack, of Muncy Valley, and Rev. Thomas F. Ripple of Laporte, and closed with prayer by Rev. S. H. Engler of Medix Run. Services were continued in the M. E. church, Rev. T. F. Ripple having charge of the services. Rev. S. B. Bidlack read a scripture lesson from 1 Cor. 15:41-58, followed by Rev. T. F. Ripple with the 90th Psalm, and prayer offered by the Rev. S. B. Bidlack. Appropriate singing was rendered by a quartette of Messrs. R. A. Conklin and L. R. Gumble, Mrs. A. J. Bradley and Miss Agnes Upman. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. S. H. Engler, who took for his text these words "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord the Righteous Judge shall give to me at that day." 2 Timothy 4:7-8. Rev. T. F. Ripple followed with a brief sketch of the life of the deceased and a eulogy on his Christian character and integrity.

The pall bearers were Messrs. E. M. Dunham, T. J. Ingam, A. J. Hackley, J. V. Finkle, W. J. Higley and J. L. Smyth. Interment was made in Mt. Ash cemetery.

The floral offerings were profuse, completely filling the chancel of the church.

In these closing days of August thoughtful parents and guardians will prepare their children for the opening weeks of school so that there may be no delay in their admission. The child who begins on the first day and attends regularly will have a great advantage over his school mate who stays home the first week and misses a day or two when he feels like it.

Labor Day at Laporte.

Labor Day will be celebrated at Laporte by a grand base ball carnival and entertainment under the auspices of the Laporte Athletic Association.

The Williamsport and North Branch Railroad will run excursions from Halls and Satterfield and have given a low round trip rate of twenty five cents.

Games have been arranged for both morning and afternoon. The teams from Eagles Mere, Bernice, Hughesville and Laporte will contest for the championship and a day of rare base ball sport may be expected. After the games at the Athletic field, dancing will begin and will be continued during the evening.

The high standing of the ball teams that will participate, insures a fine exhibition of the national game and there will doubtless be a big crowd on hand to witness the sport.

The Mud Pond Mystery.

Howard Kensey and Thomas J. Georgi, both aged 23, and both of Wilkes Barre, admit that they were the men who were in the boat with Arthur Potter, whose body was found in Mud Pond, near Jamison City, the mysterious details of which have already been published.

They acknowledge that they were rowed across Mud Pond on Friday evening, by Arthur Potter, one of Col. R. Bruce Rickett's foremen; that Potter had safely conveyed them across the pond and he started to row back alone when the boat was upset. They claimed that the last they saw of Potter was when he was clinging to the overturned boat in the pond.

On reaching Mud Pond, they claim they secured Potter to row them across the water. On their way over, they say, they gave him a drink of whisky. "He was quite talkative," on reaching the other side of the pond they allege that Potter and they became involved in a quarrel about fishing and that Potter became so angry that he smashed their fishing tackle; that they finally became engaged in a struggle and they came ashore.

Potter is then said to have taken the boat out on the pond, when all at once they saw the boat turn over and Potter was clinging to the vessel. They were afraid, so they calmed, to go to Potter's rescue for fear that he might do them bodily harm. Both Kensey and Georgi further claim that they then walked through the woods and country until they reached Harveyville, early on Saturday morning. There they boarded a stage coach and were driven to Shickshinny and then went to Wilkes Barre by train.

They did not explain why they did not go back to Lake Ganoga or Ricketts and tell about Potter's predicament, and why, instead, took such a long, out-of-the-way walk to Harveyville while darkness prevailed. The two men told the same story to Detective Jeff Rudd, at Wilkes Barre.

Both Kensey and George stated that they would tell all about the matter when they were compelled to by the proper officers.

Farmers Institutes Popular.

This will be the biggest year in the history of the State for the holding of farmer's institutes under the direction of the State Department of Agriculture, and Deputy Secretary of agriculture Algernon S. Martin, who has had charge of arranging the dates and places, says that altogether there will be 400 days of institutes, in various parts of the state, on some days as many as five in different counties.

Samuel G. Dixon, Commissioner of the State Health Department created by the recent Legislation, has formulated plans for the free distribution throughout Pennsylvania of antitoxin for use in diphtheria cases where the patients cannot afford to pay for this preventative medicine. Two or more distributing stations will be established in every county and the antitoxin will be distributed on the order of the physicians in charge of such cases.