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## At KEITER'S.

### COUNTY CHAIRMAN.

#### Republican Candidates Will Select Their Leader To-morrow.

In accordance with the rules of the Republican party, requiring the candidates to meet within ten days following the county convention to select a county chairman, Hon. Elias Davis has issued a call to all the candidates to meet in the parlors of the Merchants' hotel, Pottsville, to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, for the purpose stated above. There is much speculation as to who will be chosen chairman, several names having been mentioned. The new county chairman will select the Executive Committee consisting of twelve members, six from the Fourth district and two from each of the other districts. The chairman will also appoint two secretaries, a treasurer, a reading clerk and a committee of five on resolutions.

Among those mentioned as candidates for chairman are Dr. Charles E. Quail, the present incumbent; Dr. A. L. Gillars, and W. J. Whitehouse, of Pottsville. Besides these gentlemen, the names of Daniel Duffy, of St. Clair, and James McElheny, of Mahanoy City, are favored by several of the candidates. It is not known whether the candidates are candidates, or whether a strong sentiment prevailing favorable to the selection of either one of them.

Mr. McElheny and his friends are loyal to the incumbent of the convention, and they would undoubtedly have the opportunity to prove that statement. His selection would in itself add strength to the ticket, as much so perhaps as if he were one of the party's nominees. Besides, Mahanoy City was ignored in the selection of candidates, and Mr. McElheny as county chairman would help up what dissatisfaction may exist on that score. With most of the voters in the lower end this section should receive the chairmanship.

The candidates should give this matter due consideration. The choice of chairman means much for success in November. Charles A. Snyder has been urged to accept the secretaryship. He is an aggressive fighter and his appointment would materially aid the chairman.

#### POLITICAL POINTS

Recorder Emanuel Jenkyn has a number of applications on hand for the vacant deputyship in his office occasioned by the resignation of George W. Keiper. He says the new appointee will be a Shenandoah man, whom he will announce after a conference with his friends in this town.

Will Chairman Meyer resign? Democrats who profess to know say that he will.

Clerk of the Courts Schoener yesterday received the following letter: "These are our colors. They are emblematic of your broad doctrines and advanced principles and ideas, and they are ours. You have given the people of Schuylkill county perfect service for almost three years in your present office, and it is to be hoped (and is almost assured) that the people will give their services to you on election day in November next."

The convention to elect a state delegate from this district will be held in Shenandoah on August 5th at 10 a. m.

Republican harmony continues to thicken. It is already being manifested in the spring elections, but in citizens there is a strong sentiment in favor of Michael Graham for Chief Burgess.

Certainly we engrave. Peep in our window and see sample on gold, silver, aluminum and glass. E. B. BRUMM.

#### A Slight Stroke.

When about to enter the Farmer's hotel, at the corner of Main and Oak streets, this morning, John Whittier, a farmer 60 years of age, residing at Roaring Creek, fell to the pavement. He was picked up and carried into the hotel. He was conscious and complained of feeling weak from the heat. There was a cut on his forehead and one on his nose, neither of which was severe. Dr. J. S. Kistler was summoned and he said the patient was suffering from a slight attack of apoplexy. He did not consider Mr. Whittier's condition serious, but advised him to remain under care at the hotel for a few days.

A palmleaf fan given with a 10c purchase or over on Saturday. At Girvin's. 7-20-21

#### Outing at Tumbling Run.

The following residents of town enjoyed an outing at Tumbling Run yesterday: Mrs. Savilla Pettit, Mrs. Daddow, Mrs. John G. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Portz, Mrs. J. P. Williams, Mrs. G. H. Williams, Mrs. S. W. York, Mrs. E. D. Longshore, Mrs. Thomas G. Powell, Mrs. E. A. Anstok, Mrs. William G. Gregory, Mrs. Daniel Ogden, Mrs. Jesse B. Davis, Mrs. C. L. Fowler, Misses Mattie Thomas, Corinne Tompest and Birdella Anstok, Robert Powell, Robert Fowler and Fred. Portz, Jr.

Don't miss Girvin's glassware sale on Saturday. 7-20-21

#### Well Pleas'd With Manila.

Sobieski Owens, of Lost Creek, has written a letter to a friend in town stating that he was well pleased with soldier life in the Philippines. He says the "boys in blue" from Pennsylvania are all well and enjoy life immensely at Manila. The writer enlisted in the army here last summer, under Lieut. Siviter.

#### Coslett's Market For Saturday.

Watermelons, 19 cents per 100. Cantaloupes, choice tomatoes, peaches, plums and apricots, extra fine fruit, sweet corn, green peas, egg plants, squash and sweet potatoes. At John Coslett's, 36 South Main street. 21

#### Short of Cars.

The St. Nicholas and Seaford collieries suspended operations this morning, owing to a scarcity of cars.

The Indian Ridge, West Shenandoah, Kohlor, Shenandoah City and Turkey Run collieries were also idle today for the same cause.

Glance at our show windows for beautiful Jewelry. Special prices on Ladies' Buckles and Neck Clasps. Orkin's, 7 South Main street. 7-17-19

#### Tumor Removed.

Dr. E. Y. Kousa, of town, this morning removed a tumor the size of a goose egg from the arm of Joseph Adokalia, of Mt. Carmel. The seat of the tumor was just above the wrist.

#### "A Big Windowfall."

Rare bargains in glassware for Saturday—only a limited number.  
Large 25c. sake stands for 10c.  
Large 25c. fruit stands for 10c.  
Large 25c. bouquet holder for 10c.  
A big assortment in our window for 10c. GIRVIN'S, 8 South Main St. 7-20-21

#### Office Improvements.

Justice William H. Shoemaker has had his offices papered and is making other improvements that will make the apartments quite attractive and comfortable.

## A NIGHT'S WRANGLE!

### Street Paving and Water Works Debated by Council.

#### BRITT GIVEN THE PAVING WORK!

#### Written Proposition For a Lease of the Water Works Submitted With An Adverse Report by the Committee.

#### Hot Debate Results In No Definite Action.

It was almost half an hour after the appointed time when the regular meeting of the Borough Council, held last night, was called to order. Discussions on street paving and the proposition to lease the public water works kept the members engaged in consultation and this deferred the opening of the meeting.

All the Councilmen were in attendance, namely: Messrs. McGuire, Coakley, Tracy, Boehm, Shoemaker, Meargle, Strauch, Neiswenter, James, Brennan, Bell, Howells, Hand, Murphy and Harkins.

The first order of business was the hearing of reports by the roads and highways committee. After making a brief report on work done during the month, Mr. Coakley then presented two bids for street paving, one from W. E. Carney, of Shamokin, at \$1.85 per square yard, the work to be completed by November 1, 1899, and the other from William J. Britt, of town, at \$1.84 per square yard, the work to be completed on, or before, November 15, 1899.

Mr. Coakley moved that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, Mr. Britt. Mr. Strauch stated that the bid received at the last meeting of Council was for \$1.82 per yard, and if accepted would save the borough over \$400. He moved that as a substitute for Mr. Coakley's motion that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder. The chair declared the motion out of order, and the original motion was carried, awarding the contract to Britt, at \$1.84.

A discussion was precipitated by Mr. Bell as to whether the bid deposited by Mr. Britt with the contract should not be returned upon the signing of the contract, but the discussion closed with an agreement that this will be proper after Council has approved the bond.

Mr. Britt consented to a correction of his specifications as to provide for the paving, to consist of six inches of concrete, two inches of sand and four inches of brick, the total excavation to be eighteen inches. This having been done the street committee was instructed to act in conjunction with Mr. Britt prepared and have the contract with Mr. Britt prepared and call a special meeting of Council when it is ready to have it approved.

Council decided that the Hamburg brick be adopted for street paving.

A complaint regarding a sewer at the corner of Main and Cherry streets was referred to the street committee with power to act.

The street committee was ordered not to put in any more crossings until the crossing stones to be laid aside when the street paving is done can be secured.

It was decided that the Chief Burgess and Solicitor be instructed to have Pear alley, between Laurel and Poplar streets, put in proper condition.

Mr. Strauch raised the question as to the borough compelling the Traction Company to pay their pro rata of the cost of paving on North Main street. He contended that the company had already complied with the ordinance that required, and that the borough cannot compel the company to substitute the Hamburg brick for that now laid.

The street committee and Solicitor were instructed to communicate with the Schuylkill Traction Company to see what it proposes doing toward the North Main street paving.

A complaint that cellars on Peach alley are flooded through an imperfect public sewer was referred to the street committee.

Mr. James stated that, for two years past, he had complained of a nuisance at the extreme southern end of Jardin and West streets, and that, unless the Board of Health moves very soon, he would include the attention of the State Board of Health to it.

The finance committee made a report, stating that Tax Receiver Scanlan had presented his extension lists for 1898 and the tax duplicate for 1898 was ready to be written. It was decided that Council hold a meeting next Thursday evening to consider the exonerations.

In reply to Mr. James, Secretary Coakley made a verbal statement on the difference between the accounts in his minute book and that in the Borough Auditor's statement and the matter was referred back to the secretary and finance committee for a report in writing.

Mr. Strauch said that, as Council had decided to spend between \$18,000 and \$20,000 for street paving, he would like to know where the money is coming from.

In reply, President McGuire stated that the finance committee had stated that there would be about \$4,000 from the tax. Tax Collector Burke will pay about \$7,000 more estimated, and the solicitor had stated that Council can borrow on the balance due on the 1895 duplicate. If only \$5,000 is borrowed on this account there will be a total of \$16,000.

The fire apparatus committee reported that the book and ladder truck, which was damaged in a collision while going to a fire, was being repaired. Some of the newly purchased hose nozzles that proved defective have been returned for repair, or exchange.

#### HOUSES OF ILL-REPUTE.

Mr. Tracey, of the lamp and watch committee, wanted to know why Council cannot take some steps with the police force to suppress houses of ill-fame in the borough, where girls 16 and 18 years old dance until one o'clock in the morning, and some women up to 40 years old dance with them. He urged that Council pledge itself to stand by the police if they prosecute and should become mulcted for the cost.

On motion of Mr. Bell Council decided to stand by the police in any effort to suppress houses of ill-fame.

Mr. Murphy asked that an electric light be placed at the corner of Gilbert and Lloyd streets, Jardin and Centre, Poplar and Main, West and Oak and Lloyd and Howers streets, but a motion that all applications be laid on the table until the secretary informs Council how the appropriations of the committee stand prevailed.

This was followed by a motion that the lamp and watch committee visit the corner of Gilbert and Lloyd streets and report on the necessity for a light, which was carried.

A lengthy discussion then followed on the number of keys that should be issued, there

being seven out now, one for each policeman and one for the Chief Burgess. The discussion ended on the chair sustaining the point of order that there could be no increase of issue until a resolution on the minutes be received.

The lamp and watch committee reported that the charges against Policeman Gratie had not been investigated, owing to the absence of the committee's chairman from town.

#### THE WATER WORKS.

Mr. Tracey, of the water committee, reported that J. H. Cogle, Esq., representing one of the syndicates that proposed to lease the public water works, had been notified to meet the committee last Tuesday night, and when he appeared he was not prepared to make a statement. Mr. Mellet met the committee on Wednesday night and his proposition was on the secretary's table. It was read as follows:

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, hereby make application to lease the Shenandoah Borough Water Works for the term of ten years with the privilege of an additional period of ten years, provided we lease the public water works, had been notified to meet the committee last Tuesday night, and when he appeared he was not prepared to make a statement. Mr. Mellet met the committee on Wednesday night and his proposition was on the secretary's table. It was read as follows:

And in addition thereto, we propose to pay said borough the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars in cash each and every year; also to give the borough free use of water for all fire purposes; and free use of water for all school purposes; and not to charge more than fifty (50) cents per month for water for family purposes.

And during the whole of the continuance of said lease, we will keep said water works in good condition, and at the final termination of said lease to yield up said water works in the same good order and condition as the same now are, without further expense or cost to the borough, and therefor, or other necessary covenants, excepted. Respectfully submitted,

P. J. FERGUSON,  
M. M. MILLER.

Shenandoah, Pa., July 20, 1899.

Mr. Bell then read the following as the water committee's report on the proposition: To the Members of the Borough Council.

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned members of your Water Committee, having carefully considered the proposition submitted by private parties who desire to control the water supply of the Borough, report that we think it inadvisable for Council to relinquish control of the Borough plant in any manner, or for any consideration, and thereby deprive the people of advantages which opportunity obliged them to obtain for themselves.

To sustain our position and refute the claim that the plant does not pay, we offer the following statistics: The water rate is \$2.12 per annum, or \$1.84 per month, which is a net profit in this department of \$13,000. To this must be added the saving from fifty fire plugs, at \$1,000; and sixty schools at \$1.00 each per month, or \$720.

These figures, then, would fully justify us in our position, as they show a saving and gain of \$2,120.00 annually to the borough, directly, and to the taxpayers indirectly. But there are other advantages which necessarily result from the existence of the Borough plant and they are the reduction in water rent and fire insurance, to which might also be added the immunity of fire companies, their houses and horses from water rent.

We will make no further mention of the latter, but of the other two we will offer the following estimate: The water rent was reduced to one-half, and the fire insurance in a saving of 35 cents per month to every family in the town irrespective of whether they were connected with the Borough works; that is, the amount of the water rate was reduced to \$1.00, and the fire insurance, which would be about one-third, or in all \$417,922.77.

In the matter of insurance, too, the reduction is significant, it being from 25 to 30 per cent. lower than before the new water started. Besides this reduction, some people are so confident of the efficiency of the water supply that they have dropped their insurance altogether. In insurance alone, it can be therefor safely estimated that this saving to the property is at least \$10,000.

To summarize, we would say that the saving to the people is: In net profits, fire plugs and schools, \$2,120.00; by reduction in water rent, \$1,000.00; by reduction in insurance, \$417,922.77; or a total saving of \$80,042.77.

This may seem fabulous and hard to believe, but a few moments thought will make the matter clear. The water rate, the duplicate, fireplugs and schools and the other is but the necessary cost of a reduction of one half. To exemplify: If the water rate were reduced to the Borough and the old company and that rent being but one half of what they formerly paid, equals \$17,922.77, then the saving is equal to that amount.

The Board of Health, on page 7 of their last annual report, gives testimony to the efficiency of the purity and wholesomeness of our water supply as follows: "The water supply is of the highest quality, and we see no reason why Council, now or at any other time, should pay any attention to a claim so easily refuted by serious people whose interests are diverse to those of the Borough. The public water works stand today as a monument to the wisdom of the people and as a warning to the people to the grasping proclivity of a corporation. We feel our duty to add a word of warning and caution to the people that if they do not wish to see their water supply of the highest quality to the public plant at any cost."

Respectfully,  
THOMAS J. TRACY,  
JAMES W. BELL,  
PATRICK HARRIS.

Mr. Harkins moved that the committee's report be accepted and the proposition be laid on the table indefinitely.

Mr. James opened an attack on the report of the committee, stating that it omitted several important items the taxpayers are footing, including the 5 mile water tax, which amounts to about \$11,500.

Mr. Boehm said he did not sign the report because he did not believe in it. Every estimate that has been made on the water plant has been wrong. The original projections of water per day that would be taken, but the plant is pumping \$1,250,000, and all connections are not on the plant. They said four tons of coal would run the plant and it takes nearer twelve tons. The report of the Borough Auditor shows that the total collection of water rents have been \$12,000, while the running expenses are \$13,000. The report does not show where the plant is paying, or going to pay.

Mr. Hand disputed Mr. Boehm's statement and said it was never contended that four tons of coal would run the plant a day, but six tons. He also said it had been estimated that 200,000 gallons of water per day would supply the borough. Mr. Boehm remarked in substance that the latter statement strengthened his statement.

Mr. Tracey said the water works were established upon vote of the people and no lease should be made until Council gets the permission of the citizens.

Mr. Hand called for the previous question

## DEMOCRATIC LEADERS!

### Depose Editor Devlin For Supporting Altgeld Against Harrison.

#### BRYAN AT ALTGELD MEETING.

#### In His Speech He Declares: "All Chicago Platform Democrats Look Alike to Me"—The Currency Question Not Considered by National Committee.

Chicago, July 21.—No friction developed at the meeting of the Democratic national committee, and the men who made such belligerent assertions Wednesday night failed to make them good yesterday. Not a single warlike note was sounded and no denunciations were uttered either by the men who demand that "16 to 1" shall be the rallying cry in the next campaign or by those who oppose its adoption.

The only move looking toward recognition of the silver men by the national committee was during the afternoon, when the Ohio Valley Bimetallist league was admitted to the committee room and James P. Tarvin, of Kentucky, acting as spokesman, read the resolutions adopted by the committee at their meeting early in the day at the Palmer House.

These resolutions demanded that plank be inserted in the next Democratic national platform opposing trusts, opposing "imperialism," and adhering to the silver ratio of 16 to 1.

And along these lines we offer you our aid," said Mr. Devlin. There was a defiant accent upon the word "these" that seemed to imply that the support of the bimetallists could be secured along no other lines than those marked out, but of this the committee took no notice. The bimetallist league was gratefully thanked for its proffer of assistance and assured that it would be called upon at such times as the national committee felt in need of its assistance. That was the beginning and end of the silver episode.

The fight against P. J. Devlin, editor of the press bureau of the national committee, was brought to a finish, the Harrison faction of the committee taking his deposition for the national committee in the last majority election in Chicago, he supporting Altgeld against Harrison.

The fight between the Illinois factions began as soon as Mr. Bryan arrived in the city, which was 8 o'clock in the morning. He was immediately beset by men of both sides, the Altgeld faction asking him to be at the meeting without fail, and the Harrison men asking that he remain away from the Auditorium altogether. Mr. Bryan was in a dilemma, and for a long time would not declare himself. He said that he had accepted the invitation for the meeting, and that there was no apparent reason why he should decline at the last moment at the demand of a political faction hostile to that which had invited him to the city.

At the same time he expressed himself as being anxious to avoid anything that would create further friction, and as a remedy proposed that the Altgeld people turn over the control of the meeting to the national committee. Mr. Altgeld was personally willing, but the large majority of the members of the national committee declared themselves as being opposed to having anything to do with the meeting in any way.

Finally Mr. Altgeld sent word to Mr. Bryan that if he considered that his attendance at the meeting would embarrass him he could feel at perfect liberty to remain away. The meeting would go on without him. This message was declared by the Altgeld people to be one of simple courtesy to Mr. Bryan, but the Harrison men declared that it was a message of sarcasm, which meant that if Mr. Bryan was afraid to keep his word to address the meeting it would be a success without his presence.

It was late in the afternoon before Mr. Bryan made up his mind to attend the meeting, the Harrison people, who were in good humor over the defeat of Devlin before the committee, announcing that he might attend the meeting without causing any hostility to himself in the Harrison camp. This message, however, had nothing to do with the intention reached by Mr. Bryan regarding the meeting, for he had decided to attend before it reached him.

At the national committee meeting all the states were represented either by proxy or by regular committeemen, with the exception of North Dakota, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia and Arizona. Mr. Bryan held proxies for Michigan and South Dakota, and was present throughout the meetings of the committee, although he did not take an active part in the proceedings. Ex-Governor Altgeld was offered the proxy of Committeeman White, of Washington, but declined it, and Willis J. Abbott, of New York, acted for that state. Mayor Harrison held the proxy for Alaska, but did not attend either session of the committee.

Pennsylvania was represented by Committeeman James M. Guffey; New Jersey by H. B. Paul, proxy for F. P. Baker; Maryland, Colonel L. V. Baughman, proxy for Arthur P. Gorman; Delaware, Senator Richard F. Kenney; Virginia, Peter J. Otey; North Carolina, Joseph Daniels; Ohio, Congressman James A. Norton, proxy for John B. McLean; Massachusetts, George Fred Williams; South Carolina, Senator Tillman.

Beyond the action above noted and making several changes in the rules governing the committee, nothing else was done during the day.

The Auditorium mass meeting of Democrats last night was a magnificent success. Clarence S. Darrow, who presided, made a short address defining the objects of the meeting and then introduced in turn John P. Tarrin, of Kentucky, James F. Brown of New York, Senator Tillman of South Carolina, Alexander Troup of Connecticut, George Fred Williams of Massachusetts, Congressman Lenz of Ohio, General Finley and William J. Bryan. The

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UP-TO-DATE HATTER.  
CORNER MAIN AND CENTRE STREETS.

## A Glimpse Of Our Stock

Will convince the most skeptical that we have by far the most complete and varied assortment in the city. The low prices are a still greater attraction. We take our stand on the side of reliable goods at small prices. Anybody who ever trades here knows we do business on that principle. We operate our store on a determined policy of fair, square dealing. This means that we give the customer the benefit of the lowest prices possible.

Extraordinary values in lawn and percale Shirt Waists—all are marked down to nearly one-half their usual price.

The 50c and 65c Kind for 25 Cents.  
The 75c. Kind for 39 Cents.  
The \$1.00 and \$1.25 Kind for 75 Cts.

Remnants of Wool Ingrain Carpets at 25c. each.

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NORTH MAIN ST.

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One needs a cooling beverage that will gently tone up the system while it quenches the thirst.

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Just touches the spot. They are cooling, satisfying and invigorating. These brews will be furnished in case lots for family use by applying to

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203 W. Coal Street  
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### 3 lbs for 25c.

The 10 cent coffee that is being advertised so much is not in it with this brand. We guarantee every pound sold. You will want none better for the money.

### Magargle's,

26 EAST CENTRE STREET.