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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.
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of Erie.
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W. H. Bullock.

The cotton crop, this year, is, it is stated, very poor. So light, we understand, that prices will undoubtedly advance in goods made of that material. Therefore —

Massachusetts in the vicinity of North Falmouth, is burning up. Forest fires near that place have destroyed over \$100,000 worth of property and several villages are threatened with destruction.

Now it is stated that 15,000 Moors are again attacking the Spanish troops near Melilla. In addition to this the natives have joined the insurgent ranks and are worrying other towns. Spain is having no end of trouble of late.

The head of Lincoln, the martyred President of the United States, now adorns the face of the copper cent. It strikes us that it isn't at all appropriate to place the face of America's greatest man upon its smallest unit of value, but, perhaps we are wrong.

A correspondent of the New York Sun says: "I have studied at three colleges, have worked at many things in many places, have met all kinds of men, and have concluded that the best drink is ale." Wonder if that hobo ever tried water.

A Washington dispatch says that the two-dollar bill is unpopular and is to be retired, which causes the Carbonate Leader to remark that "up this way, a two-dollar bill is twice as popular as a one-dollar bill, though not of course, as much in demand as a five or ten."

Dr. Robt. J. Burdette, the humorist, and pastor of the Temple Baptist church, at Los Angeles, Cal., is seriously ill at his cottage at Clifton-by-the-Sea. He has not recovered from a severe injury to his spine, sustained by a fall last March. His many admirers will learn of his illness with regret.

There is every indication that the Republicans of this State will elect their ticket this year by the old-time majority. The candidates are, to a man, worthy of hearty support, and a rousing victory this fall, in State and county, will be a fitting precursor to next year's important gubernatorial campaign.

A number of the big daily newspapers are squabbling over the question, whether or not Wm. J. Bryan, the man who has an uncontrollable anxiety to be President, is going to remove to Texas. We can't really see that it is any of their business or any one else's, but William's, or that it would make any difference to the public whether he moved or staid where he is.

Questions of paramount interest to the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America will be discussed at its annual national convention, to be held in Chicago this week. One of the most important matters to be considered is the question of local option, upon which the clergy and laymen of the Roman Catholic church is typified in the convention will likely take a stand. A monster street parade has been arranged to precede the formal opening of the convention. As announced by the leaders of the society the parade is to constitute "the Catholic answer to Mayor Buss." Floats will be used to refute implications by the mayor of Milwaukee to the effect that the Catholic church is with him in his fight in behalf of the liquor interests.

The latest thing in mixed drinks is a "Jackson cocktail." It is constructed of hard cider and Jamaica ginger,—just a fit dose for a "Jackson democrat," who is not that kind of a Democrat.

If the immigrant station is placed in Gloucester this State should appoint a commission to pick out the new arrivals who are fit to live in Pennsylvania. All others should be condemned to live in New Jersey, says the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Thirty thousand coat tailors, five thousand of whom are women, are on strike to-day in New York and Brooklyn, in an effort to compel the master tailors to grant them an increase in wages and a shorter work-day. They also demand changes in customs prevailing in their work.

Dr. Amos B. Baker, first assistant physician of the Mattewan Insane Asylum, says that Harry K. Thaw is undoubtedly insane. That his reason for such conclusion is that Thaw is "silly, pompous and quarrelsome." Well, if it only requires that much to make a person non compos mentis, what a lot of lunatics there are at large.

The new tariff bill, as trimmed up and shorn of objectionable appendages, leaves boots and shoes of all kind, dutiable at 10 per cent. instead of 25 per cent. as heretofore; uppers at 7 1/2 per cent., instead of 20 per cent.; harness and saddlery, 20 per cent., instead of 45 per cent.; hand belting and sole leather 5 per cent., instead of 20 per cent. in existing law. That should suit the consumer, if it doesn't the manufacturer.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.
The Democratic State Convention met in Harrisburg on Wednesday, and succeeded, without much friction, in nominating the following ticket:

State Treasurer, George W. Kipp, of Bradford county.

Justice of the Supreme Court, C. La Rue Munson, of Lycoming county.

Auditor General, J. Wood Clark, of Indiana county.

This ticket is regarded by the Democrats, as an unusually strong one.

THAT CONVENTION.
The Guffeyites met at Harrisburg on Wednesday, and after receiving from Boss Guffey the programme for the day's proceedings, played their parts to perfection. Everything worked just as smoothly as it usually does at this yearly gathering. There was no evidence that the anathema which the late lamented candidate Bryan had hurled at Chief Guffey, had changed his subtle method of relieving the delegates of any mentality they possessed. Every delegate taking part was clever as a phonograph, all the records being furnished by Guffey.

The proceedings mainly consisted in getting a few gentlemen with some money and the office seeking germ, sufficiently developed, who would be willing to allow themselves to be offered as sacrifices upon the altar of decayed political ideas of which this crowd has a monopoly. The old "sackcloth and ashes" platform was adopted and will be used until the regular November period for "weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth."

RED TAPE FOOLISHNESS.

There are some holes in the immigration laws of this country, which sorely need patching. A few days since a young woman of Germany came to our shores, as second class passenger, in a German steamship, expecting upon her arrival to be married to an American citizen. The immigration officials for some reason refused the young woman permission to land, even long enough to be married, having received information which they evidently considered good, that she was not a desirable addition to the immaculate population of this country. To the earnest requests of the bridegroom, deaf ears were turned. He was ready to give her his name and a good home. She was sentenced to deportation and was about to be returned to her native land, when the young man learned that the steamship on which she was about to sail was a German one, and therefore German territory, and he could have the ceremony performed on board. He did so, and that made the woman free to land as the wife of an American citizen. Was ever any thing more ridiculously idiotic? Red tape failed its purpose that time, surely.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Lackawanna Steel Co. reports its plants running practically at maximum capacity, and the pretty definite indication that, 'contrary to predictions made earlier in the year, it will end its current fiscal period with a substantial surplus to its credit, compared with a disappointing deficit at the close of the year ended Dec. 31 last, the company's first mortgage convertible 5 per cent. bonds are selling in the market at 98 1/2, or one-half point below the best price of the year, says the Financial Review.

Miss Mabel Mattheas, of Norristown, Pa., has been courted by Harry Metzger, as she alleges, for 16 years. He gave her an engagement ring in 1905 but he hasn't yet given her his name, and now she sues him for \$10,000 damages. She gave him a nice buggy and he used it to take other girls out riding, whereupon she made kindling wood of it with an axe. We can't blame Mabel for feeling that she has been damaged, and hope that her faithless lover, who doesn't love her, will be obliged to "ante up." Yet we think she is better off without him. She is only 32 years of age and can probably do better.

N. P. L. Convention.
Next September the largest convention in the history of the N. P. L. will be held at Wilkes-Barre. It is expected that fully 1,000 delegates will be in attendance, and they will come from every State in the union. The Pacific coast will be represented, and some will come from Mexico. The officers of the company say that reports for July show that the hard times in the history of the organization are nearly passed, and that the business shows a very material revival.

Exemplify First Degree.
Members of the Knights of Columbus spent a pleasant evening at their rooms Tuesday night when the exemplification of the first degree was given by Robert J. Murray, grand knight; John J. Rickert, deputy grand knight; Jacob Demer, warden, and Ed. K. Brown, chancellor.

Following the degree work came a lunch and the rendition of the following program: Opening solo and chorus, "Pony Boy," Fred Murray and Council No. 363; Intermission, "Blow the Smoke Away," "Bunch of Blackberries," K. of C. orchestra, Bros. Sonner, Murray, Doersch, Rickert, Green and Caulfield; piano solo, selected, Frank Green; intermission, "Peaches"; Irish song, "Eddie Clancy," John Carroll; address, "My Impression of First Degree," Rev. Thomas M. Jordan; German song, "Was Is Los," Paul Sonner; intermission, "Cream"; solo, "The Sea Is My Sweetheart," E. K. Brown; good of the order, fifteen minutes; grand closing, orchestra and chorus.

Coming to Honesdale.
The Scranton Tribune of Tuesday says:

News received yesterday by President Otto J. Robinson and Dr. Kolb, chief boosters for the Scranton Junger Maennerchor, indicates that the visit of our singers to the Maple City will mark an epoch in the history of Wayne county. Mayor Kubbach as chairman of the reception committee, is an untiring and enthusiastic worker, and the carnival of song promised for Monday, Aug. 16, has stirred that entire section of the state. In fact plans are being formulated to run special trains from Port Jervis, N. Y., Hawley, Forest City and Carbonate. Mayor Kubbach will declare a legal holiday on the above date, and after the Maennerchor alights from the special train will present the freedom of his city to Mr. Robinson. His honor is having a key specially designed for the ceremony.

Mr. Kubbach is also in charge of all home arrangements, to wit: Decorations, parade, automobile and car service and also refreshments. He is being given cordial and hearty support by a committee of fifty, including practically every prominent business man in the city.

Every possible idea for the comfort of visitors has been carefully thought out and an abundance of refreshments will be on the train going and coming and also at Bellevue Park, where the saengerfest is to be held. So complete has the work of the Maennerchor's boosters been done that ample hotel accommodations have also been arranged for those who desire to stay over night, or for such as may miss the train, if any. The general demand for tickets has already surpassed the best figures of the society, and an additional 500 tickets, making 2,000 in all, were ordered printed yesterday. It is now conceded that at least two special trains will be required to carry the Scranton contingent and singers alone, while the Carbonatians and Forest City excursionists will require a train for themselves.

Next Friday is the Maennerchor's regular monthly meeting night and a large attendance is looked for. The boosters will also hold a session beginning at 9 o'clock in headquarters, at which time the various working sub-committee for the outing will be named.

The Plum Curculio.
A well known Philadelphia attorney, having a country place, sent to Professor Surface, the State Zoologist, Harrisburg, specimens of peaches and apples which indicated, as he expressed it, that the trees seemed "to require some treatment."

The Professor gave the following answer: "The green peaches and apples which you sent to us give punctured by the Plum Curculio. This is a destructive beetle, which makes holes in fruit and lays its eggs therein. The eggs hatch and cause wormy fruit and the worms, also, cause the fruit to drop prematurely, as you have observed. The best thing to do now is to gather and burn the fallen fruit as fast as it drops, or at least once every few days. Of course, if there are many others in your neighborhood who are not doing the same, there is no need of your going to that trouble. Neighbors should co-operate to eliminate such pests. The proper course would have been to spray your trees with arsenate of lead, using two or three pounds of arsenate of lead to fifty gallons of water or Bordeaux mixture. If you had done this shortly after the blossoms dropped, and again repeated it in ten days, you would have destroyed these pests in the same manner as the Codling Moth is disposed of. I trust you will do this another year."

Don't Blast Rocks that Way.
The Ellenville Press says: A new method of blasting has been in use at the water works at Shokan. It consists in placing lime in the drill holes, which, after being packed down by earth, is subjected to contact with water. The effect of the water upon the lime causes the latter to swell, forming gases and steam, with the result of an explosion. Tuesday morning Foreman A. Perkins, with the assistance of James Ellix and John Washington, both colored, over-looked the fact that water had collected in the drill hole. The lime was dropped into the cavity, and, while the workmen were engaged in pounding down the earth upon it, the premature explosion occurred. Mr. Perkins will lose complete sight of one eye, and possibly suffer the entire loss of sight.

John Washington was found to have escaped without serious injury, while his companion, James Ellix, will suffer the loss of both eyes.

The Stalk Borer.
A rhubarb stalk was sent to the Division of Zoology of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for examination, and Professor H. A. Surface, the State Zoologist, found it infested by the insect known as the Stalk Borer (Papalipema nitela). In sending a report concerning this pest to the person from whom the specimen plant was received, Professor Surface said:

"This is a very curious pest because it bores in the stalks of many kinds of cultivated plants; likewise into other plants, as well as weeds, large enough to nourish it. I note with interest that you found it boring in corn stalks. It is destructive to potatoes and tomatoes, and to the stalks of many kinds of flowering plants, but I have not before found it in the rhubarb.

"I do not believe that you will continue to find it becoming a serious pest on the farm if you will follow the directions given below. You cannot kill it after it once attacks the plant, and save the infested stalk, because it bores in the inside and the remedies usually employed for insects will not reach it. Therefore, it must be destroyed, or prevented, by the following means:

- (1) Mow all weeds, of whatever kinds, that have stems large enough for the borer to enter. Do this at least once every six weeks.
- (2) Gather and burn all infested stalks, or parts of cultivated plants, as soon as the borers are seen.
- (3) As soon as potatoes are removed from the ground, rake the vines together and burn them immediately. Do not wait for the vines to become dry, but throw them on a hot brush fire at once.
- (4) Likewise, destroy tomato vines as soon as possible after the crop is gathered, and in fact other plants where this can be done.
- (5) Rotate, or change, crops, so that the same kind of crop does not grow many years in succession on the same ground."

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF TRAINS

Delaware & Hudson R. R.
Trains leave at 6:55 a. m., and 12:25 and 4:30 p. m.
Sundays at 11:05 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.
Trains arrive at 9:55 a. m., 3:15 and 7:31 p. m.
Sundays at 10:15 a. m. and 6:50 p. m.

Erie R. R.
Trains leave at 8:27 a. m. and 2:50 p. m.
Sundays at 2:50 p. m.
Trains arrive at 2:13 and 8:02 p. m.
Sundays at 7:02 p. m.

Rainstorm Checks Forest Fires.
Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Aug. 5.—The timely arrival of a heavy rainstorm has checked the vast forest fires that have been raging in the Shawangunk mountains. It is believed that the summer resorts of Lake Minnewaska and Camp Awoosting have been removed from all danger.

About Tree Pests.
Dr. L. O. Howard, of the Entomological Bureau at Washington, has just returned from Europe with a big addition to his knowledge concerning bugs and other tree pests. The Harrisburg Telegraph says:

Since we allowed our song birds to be thinned off so recklessly, the number of pests which attack our fruit and shade trees have multiplied enormously, until the losses of crops and shade from this source have mounted into the millions. The obscure disease which recently killed 16,000 chestnuts in Forest Park here and simply a large instance of a kind of loss which has been going on all through the Eastern states, but perhaps most heavily in Massachusetts, where the fight with the tussock moth became a state and national affair.

The real remedy would probably be the restoration of the birds and the abundant water supply, which was common before our forests were stripped, but those are slow measures and difficult of accomplishment. In the meantime, Dr. Howard has been studying the European methods and finds that they are much more thorough and successful in the protection of their trees than we are. He has brought back with him parasites to prey upon the gypsy and brown-tailed moths, which he will let loose in New England. Just what the New Englanders will do with the parasites when the latter get the moths eaten and turn to other foods, remains to be seen. The English sparrow was brought here to eat up an insect pest and has proved one of the most active agencies in driving out native birds which fed on the tree and fruit worms. Now the sparrow makes no return whatever for our mistaken hospitality, and thrives on conflict and house waste.

If Dr. Howard has learned of any method of dealing with the plague that killed our chestnuts or with the worms that eat our elm foliage, he has not yet unpacked his new knowledge. For dealing with fruit worms he seems to indorse a combination of the practice of spraying the trees with the old and useful but troublesome habit of burning the worm's nests during August, when they are fullest of larvae. Meanwhile the codling moth and other afflictions are said to have cost a loss of \$1,000,000 on this year's peach crop.

A million spent in the extermination of tree pests would go a long way, but before you can get that money or make a good use of it there must be a widespread appreciation of the importance of the danger and some agreement on the method of protection. If Dr. Howard has brought back new forces for a campaign of education his trip abroad will do the country good service.

Frogs.
Frogs may do some harm to fish in a pond, but German experts have decided that this is outweighed by the good they do in destroying injurious insects.

Names of Tuberculin Purchases Must be Reported.

That the people of this State shall not drink any milk from cows afflicted with tuberculosis is the determination of the State Livestock Sanitary board at Harrisburg, of which Governor Edwin S. Stuart is president.

All the druggists have received a communication from Leonard Pearson, the secretary of the board, notifying them that according to act of the general assembly of Pennsylvania, approved April 27, 1909, they are required to report the names and addresses of all those to whom is sold tuberculin for testing cattle.

The state department will send a man to investigate all cases reported. In case the animal in question has tuberculosis it will be killed, the state paying the farmer a sum equivalent to the value of the animal.

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