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BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM IN NORTHERN CAMBRIA COUNTY.

MITCHELL WAS ELECTED!

Popular Patton Miner Chosen Secretary-Treasurer BY A NARROW MARGIN.

Sub-District Convention in Session at the Hastings Opera House—The Vote of the Officers in Detail and Proceedings of the Opening Session.

Delegates to the number of about 35, representing the miners of this sub-district of the United Mine Workers, are in session at the opera house in Hastings, it being the semi-annual convention of sub-district No. 1, of district No. 1.

The convention convened at ten o'clock Wednesday morning with President McPherson in the chair. In the absence of Secretary-Treasurer McTaggart, David Irvin officiated as secretary. At this writing much of the important business has not been transacted and it is not likely that a final adjournment will be made until Saturday. President (Giday, of district No. 2, was present Wednesday afternoon and delivered an address.

The tellers commenced the work of computing the vote of the officers at the morning session and did not complete the task until late in the afternoon. By the new rule of the organization every member has a vote and the entire vote of each local union is taken to the sub-district convention.

The hardest fight was for secretary-treasurer to succeed Michael McTaggart, of Barnesboro, who was unanimously elected president. The two most formidable candidates were Fred Mitchell, of Patton, and John F. Hurley, of Carrolltown. The former was elected by a plurality of 8 in a popular vote—too close for comfort, but still sufficient for all practical purposes.

Geo. Sinclair, of Patton, was re-elected vice president by a big majority, having a plurality over Wm. McCoy, of Hastings, the next highest candidate, of 489. Chas. Shaffer, of Hastings, and Levi Connor, of Arcadia, were elected auditors and Peter Mellon, of Arcadia, was chosen district board member. The new executive board of the sub-district is composed of James Mitchell, of Patton, John Hogan, of Spangler, Frank Kelly, of Arcadia, E. Swanson, of Barnesboro, Wm. Duke, of Nant-y-Glo, and Hugh McGinty, of Arcadia.

The complete vote is appended: PRESIDENT. Michael McTaggart, Barnesboro, 698. VICE PRESIDENT.

Geo. Sinclair, Patton, 561; Wm. McCoy, Hastings, 122; Andrew B. Eadie, Hastings, 66; F. X. Yahnner, Hastings, 64.

SECRETARY-TREASURER. Fred Mitchell, Patton, 339; John F. Hurley, Carrolltown, 334; George Nicholson, Barnesboro, 123; Miles P. Harrigan, Carrolltown, 104.

AUDITORS. Levi Connor, Arcadia, 259; Charles Shaffer, Hastings, 211; Thos. Quinn, Patton, 181; Daniel Booth, Barnesboro, 155; Samuel Clark, Barnesboro, 121; John Gorman, Arcadia, 119; John Flick, Patton, 111; Daniel Booth, Barnesboro, 107; Fred Mitchell, Patton, 106; Michael Doran, Spangler, 105; Miles P. Harrigan, Carrolltown, 104; Morris Waring, Carrolltown, 84; Joe Savage, Arcadia, 24.

MEMBER DISTRICT BOARD. James Mitchell, Patton, 284; Frank Kelly, Arcadia, 268; John Hogan, Spangler, 268; Wm. Duke, Nant-y-Glo, 249; Hugh McGinty, Arcadia, 247; E. Swanson, Barnesboro, 229. There were 18 other candidates who received from 94 to 107 votes.

MEMBER SUB-DISTRICT BOARD. Peter Mellon, Arcadia, 347; John Hogan, Spangler, 236; E. Swanson, Barnesboro, 147; Sidney Rounsley, Patton, 76.

The newly elected president has been secretary-treasurer of the sub-district for a number of years and is at present one of the National auditors. He is able and conservative and will undoubtedly give his constituents a good administration. Wm. McPherson, the retiring president, who is a candidate for vice president of the district, retires with the hearty good will of all the members of the sub-district and has aided materially in bringing the organization up to its present high standard.

The election of Fred Mitchell as secretary-treasurer is particularly gratifying to the large number of miners in Patton and vicinity. He has for a long time been an influential member of the local union here and is a gentleman who will reflect credit on the office.

Lent began Wednesday.

CALLED HOME.

Mrs. Ada Warren Entered into the Realm of the Blessed.

Mrs. Ada A. Buchanan, the wife of D. H. C. Warren, died at the family residence on Mellon avenue Thursday morning at 5:25 o'clock. She had been an invalid for a number of years, although her last illness was of but three days' duration. The immediate cause of her death was peritonitis.

The funeral was held at the home this (Friday) morning at 9 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. H. Witman, of the M. E. church, and the remains were taken to Gipsy, Indiana county, for interment.

Mrs. Warren was a native of Indiana county, and was born at Gipsy on February 14, 1868, being 35 years and ten days old at the time of her demise. She was the daughter of D. A. and Mary E. Buchanan, of that place. On September 24, 1885, she was united in marriage to Mr. Warren and resided in Patton for about five years, going from here to Philadelphia. About six months ago the family returned to Patton and have resided here since.

She is survived by her father and husband and a son, Harry B., fourteen years of age. She is also survived by one brother—Ernest Buchanan, of Gipsy—and two sisters—Mrs. Vey Spotts, of Glen Campbell, and Mrs. Rose E. Brady, of Gipsy. Mrs. Warren was an earnest Christian woman and a member of the Disciples church of Philadelphia. She was a good wife and mother and leaves a host of warm friends who sincerely mourn her untimely death. Like Dorcas of old, "she was full of good works."

WILL BUILD A CHURCH.

The Episcopalians of Patton Will Erect a House of Worship.

The Episcopalians of Patton will build a church in the early spring. This has been definitely decided upon and a lot secured. All of the arrangements are in the hands of Rev. S. A. Potter, the Episcopal clergyman, who will at once secure plans and specifications and advertise for bids for the erection of the house of worship.

Work on the same is expected to commence as soon as the weather will permit. The lot secured is the one adjoining St. Mary's R. C. church, which was at one time selected as the site for the new Methodist parsonage and an excavation begun.

The Episcopalians have for some time had a society here and have held services every week in Good's Hall. The society has been growing rapidly and they are anxious to have a church home of their own.

The new structure will not be an elaborate affair, but will be neat and commodious and a credit to the town and its members. The Couriera will have more to say of the project in a future issue.

NEW BILLIARD HALL.

A Fine New One With a Bowling Alley to be Opened Soon.

Robert Fanning, of Plymouth, Pa., has perfected arrangements whereby he will open here one of the best, if not the best, appointed billiard halls in Cambria county. He has leased the lower half of the post office block and will occupy the room now used by Frank Kinkaid and the one formerly occupied by J. C. Harper & Co.

In addition to this, Contractor Jos. H. Hubbard is at work with a force of men erecting an extension to the building, which will also be utilized by Mr. Fanning. He will put in a billiard table and two pool tables and a bowling alley of the regulation length and will fit the building up in first class style. He will have ground room 154 feet long and 20 feet wide.

Observed George's Natal Day.

Washington Camp, No. 439, P. O. S. of A., observed Washington's birthday by holding an extra session Monday night at which a very interesting musical and literary program was given. The opening address was delivered by L. S. Bell, after which songs and recitations were rendered, including Washington's glee song, "The German Band Instruments," by a quintette under the leadership of Wm. Nelson, was one of the best things on the program. The closing address was made by Geo. H. Urfman. Refreshments were served and the meeting closed by all present singing "Hail Columbia."

Delegates to Altoona Convention.

Geo. Sinclair, Thos. Powell, John Flick and Leonard LaCointe were elected delegates to the Altoona convention of the United Mine Workers at the meeting of the Patton local union Monday night.

THE FIGHT COMMENCED.

Cogent Reasons Why Cambria County Should Not be Divided.

Northern Cambria county has taken formal action against the proposed new county seat scheme and the following petition was circulated in Patton this week:

To the Members of the State Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

We, the undersigned electors of Patton, Cambria County, do respectfully and earnestly protest against the House Bill No. —, known as "New County Bill," to provide for the erection and organization of new Counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

1. We protest against the passage of this bill because we believe the purpose of its introduction into the legislature is to form a new county with the City of Johnstown as its county seat.

2. The electors of our district are unanimous in their opposition to the passage of this bill.

3. We believe a large majority of the electors of Cambria County are opposed to the enactment of the proposed bill for the following reasons:

(a) The area of the County will not justify its division as at present it contains only 666 square miles.

(b) The population will not justify its division, the minimum number required for a division by the Constitution and this act being barely reached in Cambria County.

4. It is excessive and dangerous legislation and should be defeated.

(a) The taxes imposed upon the citizens of the new county by reason of the erection and construction of public buildings, and the payment of salaries of officers, would become a burden.

(b) The tax rate in the City of Johnstown is now high and there are constant and increasing demands for additional municipal improvements which will make their local taxes burdensome and the new county bill is opposed by a large number of the taxpayers of Johnstown for this reason.

(c) The taxes of the citizens remaining in Cambria County would be made burdensome by reason of the current expenses incident to the care and protection of the public buildings and the payment of salaries of officers.

(d) There are at present 20 applications for new county bridges filed in the County Commissioners' office and all these are to be built in the county within the next two years.

(e) Northern Cambria is entirely dependent upon the coal field and it is a question of but a few years until the coal will be exhausted and the population reduced below the minimum requirement of the proposed bill.

5. Ebensburg, the County seat of Cambria County, has a population of 2,000, is centrally located, easy of access and has ample accommodation for all who have business at the County seat.

(a) It has five first-class licensed hotels, three excellent temperance hotels, a number of private boarding houses; Maple Park Springs Hotel and Resort, conducted by T. H. Heist, the latter two alone having accommodations for five hundred people.

(b) Railroad accommodations excel those of any other inland town in Pennsylvania, there being four daily trains from the south of the county, including the city of Johnstown, and three daily trains from the north of the county.

(c) A trolley line, connecting the city of Johnstown with the county seat, by an overland route of 18 miles, has been chartered and surveyed, and the people of the entire county are deeply interested in the completion of this project, which will afford still better facilities by which to reach the county seat from Johnstown.

6. We believe that the present new county movement originated with and has received its support from a very few persons who are directly interested in the movement financially and politically while the great mass of taxpayers effected are entirely satisfied with the present situation.

Properties to be Sold.

Sheriff Davis will dispose of the following at the Court house Monday:

All the right title and interest of Council No. 87; Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of Blandburg, in a lot of ground in Blandburg, having erected thereon a hall. Taken at suit of J. M. Eneyart.

Of Nettie Sharbaugh Bly in three pieces of land in Carroll township, having erected thereon two dwellings and outbuildings. Taken at suit of H. I. Sharbaugh.

—Episcopal services will be held in Good's Hall Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

PATTON WILL CELEBRATE!

The Ever Glorious Will be Observed Here ON A GIGANTIC SCALE.

Preliminary Steps Were Taken at a Well Attended Meeting Held in the Council Chamber Monday Night—Permanent Organization Effected.

A permanent organization for the furtherance of a big Fourth of July celebration in Patton this year was effected at a well attended meeting in the council chamber Wednesday night and it was decided to go ahead with the work at once and make all the arrangements for what is expected to be one of the largest and best celebrations ever held in this section.

The meeting was merely a preliminary one for the purpose of making plans, talking over details and getting the work started, but the large attendance and the enthusiasm manifested demonstrated that there will be "big doings" in Patton on the Nation's natal day. The following officers were elected:

President, J. J. Donnelly.
Vice President, Dr. H. A. Seitz.
Secretary, Roy E. Decker.
Treasurer, Geo. E. Prindible.

The president was empowered to appoint the different committees and they will be published in a future issue of the COURIER. While it is not possible to place all of the citizens in town on the few committees, it is expected that every one will lend a helping hand and do everything in his or her power to make the celebration the success it deserves to be.

The last celebration in Patton was a success in every particular, although the arrangements were not completed until the day itself. This year it is the intention to take time by the forelock and make all the necessary arrangements as soon as possible. By this method there will be a longer time in which to advertise and serve notice on other towns that Patton will celebrate. It will also expedite the work of securing bands, music and other attractions and enable the different committees to get their pick of everything.

Arrangements will be made for excursions on both railroads and with the excellent program that will be prepared one of the largest, if not the largest, crowds that ever visited Patton will be in attendance. The work will be pushed vigorously every day for the next four months and the success of the celebration is beyond peradventure. The president will call a general meeting of the several committees in a few days.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Fourth of July meeting, a session of the Patton Athletic Association was held with President Yarger in the chair. A report from Treasurer Prindible disclosed the fact that there was about \$150 back on stock that had not been paid for and Postmaster Greene, Chief Burgess-elect Harper and Ed A. Mellon were appointed a committee to collect this with instructions to secure the money as soon as possible.

The plans of the association for the coming athletic season were discussed at some length, but no definite action taken. Of course, a good base ball club will be put in the field and the association promises something first-class in the athletic line for the Fourth of July.

MISTAKE IN REPORT.

County Auditors Found Errors Amounting to Over Seven Thousand Dollars.

F. E. Farabaugh returned from Ebensburg Thursday noon, where he had been since Monday with the other two county auditors investigating the errors in the auditors' report. They found the total amount of errors to reach the sum of \$7,029.87. The errors found to exist are in amounts received from unseated and seated lands and in the accounts with the constables for the year 1901 and for some time previous and consist of omissions from the old report of accounts.

Of this amount \$51.81 is in the accounts with the constables, the old report making the amount received from such sources \$7,839.92, while the new report makes it \$7,911.73. In the account of the money received from the unseated lands, the old report stood \$19,170.77, while the new report shows that \$22,469.89 was received from this source. In the amount received from seated lands, the original showed \$1,543.80, while the new report shows \$9,633.74.

—Both the old and new borough councils will meet Monday night.

Latest Arrival for EARLY SPRING BUYERS.

- 5 new shape Soft Hats @ \$2.50.
- A new shape Stiff Hat at \$3.00. Very swellest thing for men for spring.
- 10 dozen Early Spring Neckwear, 25 and 50c.
- 30 dozen Men's and Boys' Shirts at 50c. Look in west window to appreciate this line of goods.
- 30 dozen Men's Spring Style Shoes. Prices, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00.
- 10 styles of Women's "La Mode" and "La Belle," very latest toe and heel. Wearers of these Shoes are our best advertisers. Prices \$2.50 and \$3.50.

Mothers, Read This!

We have just received a fine assortment of Children's Suits. Best by far we ever had. Prices \$1.50 to \$5.50—cheapest and best.

For Up-to-Date, Good Wearing and Right Priced Goods Come Here.

Our sale was a big success, thanks to people who appreciate bargains in honest merchandise. We are still offering all heavy Suits and Overcoats Trousers and Shirts at about 25 per cent off. Come and get them even if you must carry them over.

Trading Stamps Given on All Sales. Directly Opposite the Bank. Picture and Looking Glass Checks Given on All Purchases.

A Connoisseur

Would not have much trouble in making a selection in our establishment.

The fabled "gentleman, scholar and good judge of whiskey," would be right at home here. The fine selection of Blends in Good Liquors would certainly make his mouth water. We are headquarters for all this section for

GOOD

Liquors—the fellow who wants "a little something better than usual," always comes here for it.

Duquesne Beer is the best on the market, as well as the Aie and Porter bearing that brand. We are agents for this section.

Ed. A. Mellon, WHOLESALE LIQUORS.

Magee Ave., Patton, Pa.

STILL GOING ON!

The Big Dissolution Sale!

In order to cut our stock down on account of the recent dissolution of the firm of Mirkin & Kusner, I have

Marked Down All Goods

and will continue to keep them down until the greater part of the big stock is disposed of. I must do this to make room for the new goods I intend to put in in the early spring. Everything must go—no reservations whatever.

OVERCOATS, SUITS, BOYS' AND YOUTHS' CLOTHING, LADIES' COATS, CAPES, FURS, CHILDREN'S COATS, SHOES, DRY GOODS, ETC., ETC.

Don't miss this opportunity, if you're looking for Bargains.

BERNARD KUSNER,

Good Building, Next Door to Bank, PATTON, PA.