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THE RULES.

SECTION 1. The Primary Election shall be held by the Republicans of Pike county at the call of the county chairman not later than 10 days before the Republican State Convention...

SECTION 2. Said Primary Elections shall be held in each township and borough at the places where the general elections are held.

SECTION 3. At least fifteen days before the said Primary Election it shall be the duty of the committee-man in each township or borough, to see that a convenient and suitable place is provided for the holding of said Primary Election...

SECTION 4. The following officers shall be voted for at the said Primary Election. Seven county committeemen, county officers, state and district conferees and state delegate and one township or borough committeeman for each township or borough...

SECTION 5. The county chairman shall be elected by the county committee from among their number at their organization.

SECTION 6. Any Republican who shall be a candidate for any office named in article fourth must submit his name to be voted for at the said Primary Election.

SECTION 7. Twenty days before the said Primary Election each candidate shall notify the county chairman of his candidacy, who shall provide a sufficient number of ballots for each township and borough with all the names of the candidates and the several offices printed or written thereon.

SECTION 8. The said Primary Election Board shall consist of three Republican voters, viz: one judge, one inspector and one clerk, who shall severally take and subscribe in the presence of each other the oath prescribed by the Act of the Assembly regarding the holding of the Primary Elections in the State of Pennsylvania.

The above and foregoing rules were adopted at an adjourned Republican convention of delegates held at the Court House in the Borough of Milford, Oct. 19, 1897.

LEROY KIPP, WM. DUSENBURY, Secretaries, J. H. VAN ETTEN, Chairman.

THE MODERN ANTHEM.

Its Peculiarities humorously Discussed—Like a Spring Bonnet It is Fearfully and Wonderfully Made.

The following article is from the pen of Rev. Elliott W. Brown pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Dubuque Iowa, and was written for The Phi Gamma a paper printed in the interest of his church.

"The modern anthem is like the modern spring bonnet—fearfully and wonderfully made. Its pursuit defying mazes are altogether unique while its erratic meanderings are beyond dispute, confusing in the extreme. It is an innovation that should die—by request."

A certain pastor, after being tortured by one of these musical (?) prodigies, prayed: "O Lord, bless the choir. Thou knowest what they have been singing, for we do not. Whether vocal pyrotechnics, as exhibited in this class of compositions are designed to entertain, profit, or affront popular taste, is not entirely clear; but it is probable that some sly rascally genius in a fit of eccentric self-confidence, shot off the first modern anthem, and—grew hopelessly insane at the attempt. Others, less to be pitied and more to be execrated, have lived (more's the pity) to compose these admired "words," and they are now sung on many occasions. They are too modern to be called "relics of barbarism;" they are simply evidences of imbecile depravity.

It is almost impossible to enter many churches without hearing one of these caricatures of ancient psalmody, and this is about the style of its rendition:

The one-thousand-dollar soprano (Paris Conservatoire) warbles out a statement that she will wash. The alto astonishes the congregation by volunteering a like statement.

The tenor (late of the "Boston Herald," and so announced in the papers) loftily expresses his firm determination likewise to perform an ablution. The Swedish basso grows out defiantly his intention to wash also.

All this requires much heaving, swelling of veins, contortions of visage, and vain repetition, to make clear to the congregation that a general wash is about to come off. But this does not by any means satisfy the quartette, who seem to have suddenly developed an intense longing after cleanliness. They take a deep breath and a fresh start

after which, with many a suspension, quaver, slur, rest, and variation they repeat the words, "I will wash my hands"—much to the relief of the scarcely breathing congregation. A heavy, long-drawn sigh testifies to their momentary ease.

But the next phrase, sung in a soul-harrowing poco agitato—"I will wash my hands in"—plunges the perspiring listeners into a fresh sea of distressing doubt. The minister's wife on the front seat—that little lady in the pearl silk robe—not the stout lady in black satin—uneasily shifts her position; the theologian neophyte, fresh from the seminary, unconsciously blushes, the bald-headed deacon frowns ominously; it is a matter of universal and painful doubt as to what element the singers will use to wash their hands. Oh such terrible suspense!

With sensibilities wrought up to a tremendous pitch, the people now listen to a vocal race, each incoherent artist vying with the others to be the first to announce the element to be used in their ablutions. The soprano starts off at a gentle canter, but she impresses the congregation as possessing considerable reserve speed. The alto and tenor follow, neck and neck, good seconds while the bass comes lumbering on behind, already breathing heavily. They soon begin in earnest, and in a short time are going at a lively pace. It needs an expert to predict who first will emerge from the intricacies of the snarl: "I will wash my hands wash my wash I will wash wash wash my wash I will wash wash wash my wash I will wash wash wash my wash"—oh, it is maddening! But wonderful to relate, they finally compromise, and all come in together, expressing a peaceable, respectable and entirely harmless resolve to wash their hands "in innocency."

"The worst cold I ever had in my life was cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes W. H. Norton, of Sutter Creek, Cal. "This cold left me with a cough and I was expectorating all the time. The Remedy cured me, and I want all of my friends when troubled with a cough or cold to use it, for it will do them good." Sold by Druggist and General Merchants in Pike County.

SECTION 9. It shall be the duty of the county chairman and township committee to give due notice thirty days before the Primary Election to each member of the county committee and the public of the day and date of the Primary Election and they shall designate the offices for which candidates shall be voted for at said election.

SECTION 10. Any legal voters other than Republicans wishing to vote at Republican primaries will be granted the privilege of voting provided they agree to vote the Republican ticket at the next general election; any Republican not of age at the time of holding the said Primary Election, but will become of age before the General Election, shall be eligible to vote at the primary election.

SECTION 11. The Primary Election polls shall be opened at 8 o'clock p. m., and closed at 8 p. m.

SECTION 12. It shall be the duty of the Primary Election Board to write down the name of each voter casting his ballot at the Primary. Said poll list and ballots to be kept by the Judge of Election in each township and borough at least one year. If at any time the county chairman or members of the county committee desire to inspect said poll list they shall have the privilege so to do, in the presence of one of the election board of said township.

SECTION 13. After the polls are closed and the votes have been counted the election board shall make a return duly certified and signed by the Primary Election board, of the number of votes cast for each candidate. These returns to be enclosed in a sealed envelope and sent to the county chairman by United States mail or in person by the Judge or Inspector of Election forthwith.

SECTION 14. On the first Wednesday, following the said Primary Election, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the Court House in Milford, Pa., the county chairman, in the presence of at least five reputable Republicans, shall organize a canvassing board of three Republicans, duly sworn as provided by law, open and count the votes as recorded in the several returns, announce the result and certify the nominations to the proper officers.

SECTION 15. All alterations and amendments to the foregoing rules must be suggested by two thirds of the members of the county committee at a regular meeting of the same to the county chairman. Said alterations or amendments to be approved or rejected at the next Primary Election, and not to be in force until so approved.

Adopted by the convention of delegates held Oct. 19, 1897. Provided these rules shall not apply to officers elected at the delegate and mass convention held in September, 1897, during their term of office.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Sale of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Secretary Gage Recommends Increase in Gold Reserve or decrease of Currency for Which Gold May Be Demanded—Agricultural Agents at Foreign Legations.

Attorney General McKenna figures out a total saving of \$25,000,000 to the people of the United States by reason of the firm manner in which President McKinley insisted upon maintaining the rights of the people in all his dealings with the bidders for the purchase of the Union Pacific Railroad. The financiers knew that they would have to pay more for the road in order to get the sanction of this administration to the sale than they had offered in their negotiations with the Cleveland administration.

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Those who expected Secretary Gage to make sensational financial recommendations in his annual report to Congress were disappointed with the conservative policy outlined in the statement prepared by him and made public after it was read to the Cabinet. He starts out by saying that while the present satisfactory condition of things financially may continue for an indefinite period, he deems it the part of wisdom to suggest some reform in our financial system. He recommends either that steps be taken to largely increase the gold reserve, or to decrease the amount of currency in circulation, for which gold may be demanded, and expresses a preference for the latter; and that the bonded indebtedness of the country be refunded by the issuing for the entire amount of 2 1/2 per cent. bonds in gold, which would save the country a very large amount of money in the shape of the higher interest that is now being paid, and would, Secretary Gage thinks, greatly strengthen the credit of the nation.

Several amendments to the National banking laws are recommended, with the idea of largely increasing the amount of National Bank currency. Among them being the establishment of National banks with a capital of \$25,000 in places of less than 2000 inhabitants, the reduction of taxation on their circulating notes to one-half of one per cent. per annum, the privilege to issue notes to the par value of the government, and others more or less technical in nature. That Mr. Gage hasn't been hit by the euro-all-the-financial dog was shown by the following modest introduction: "The recommendations I take the liberty to make must be construed as tentative steps in a direction which, if consistently pursued, will ultimately lead to conditions theoretically desirable, rather than in being in themselves final measures to that end."

Secretary Wilson, among other valuable and important recommendations in his annual report, asks that educated agents of the Agricultural Department be attached to the United States Legation in all countries with which we compete in the markets of the world, in order that our farmers may be kept properly posted upon what their business rivals are doing all the time. He suggests that the agricultural colleges, endowed by Congress, are graduating men who are fitted to properly perform the duties of agents of the department in foreign countries.

The appointment of Gen. Longstreet, of Georgia, to succeed Gen. Wade Hampton, as Commissioner of Railroads, seems to have highly gratified Republicans from all sections, and especially those from the South. It has been understood, ever since last year, that this would be given to Gen. Longstreet, but for personal reasons Gen. Hampton was not hurried out of the office.

Members of President McKinley's administration have every reason to be perfectly satisfied with the status of the diplomatic relations between the United States and Spain, as would at once be apparent to the public if the long answer to the first important communication sent by President McKinley to the government of Spain was published. There are important reasons why this document has not been and will not be made public for a time—probably not until after it has been submitted to Congress.

The fact that Secretary Long has declared his opposition to the establishment of a government plant for the manufacture of armor plate has caused a dropping off of interest in the report of the Board of Navy Officers who have been investigating, in obedience to Congress, for the purpose of reporting the best location for such a plant. A majority of them are said to favor Birmingham, Alabama.



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