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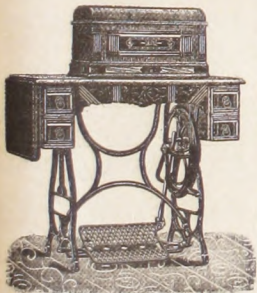
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Democratic County Convention.

The second democratic county convention this year was held at the court house in Pontiac Tuesday afternoon of this week. This one was called for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for county offices.

The convention was called to order by Eugene Baker, chairman of the county central committee, about 2:30, and secretary Chas. S. Brydia read the call.

Chas. S. Brydia was elected temporary chairman, and Prof. Manly, of Chatsworth, secretary. Mr. Brydia made a speech in which he predicted success.

A committee on credentials was appointed by the chair and after deliberation reported all towns but one represented.

While the committee was out Judge Robbins of Princeton, Bureau county, was introduced and made a good speech from a democratic standpoint.

The temporary organization was made permanent, and then the body was ready for business.

There was much enthusiasm and interest manifested over the judgeship nomination. R. F. McElduff, A. C. Norton and the present judge, W. W. Wallace, were placed before the convention.

The balloting commenced and Norton showed the most strength, McElduff second and Wallace third.

The second ballot made little change, Wallace losing a few. The third ballot nominated McElduff after a very exciting scene. The Wallace men dropped their candidate and it was neck and neck between the contestants.

At the close McElduff had a majority, but attorney Jones, of Pontiac, demanded a poll of the Pontiac delegation amid considerable excitement and claimed Editor Johnson gave the vote wrong in McElduff's interest.

Jones won and Norton got thirteen instead of ten votes in the delegation. Then Waldo changed two votes for Norton and for a second the latter was ahead, but then the Saunemin delegation changed and McElduff won.

Norton moved the nomination be unanimous and Wallace seconded it and it was done. Mr. McElduff thanked the convention for the honor.

John C. George was then nominated for county clerk by acclamation.

This was followed by Amos O. Brown's unanimous nomination for sheriff. Mr. Brown is a resident of Fairbury and was former city marshal.

The nomination of county treasurer went to J. F. Corbin, of Sunbury, on the second ballot, he defeating Mr. Cowan. Mr. Corbin has been supervisor from the township of Sunbury for a number of years.

The nomination for county superintendent of schools went to H. A. Foster, the present incumbent, and the only candidate, by acclamation.

Messrs. McElduff and George are well known in this section, having been old residents. Mr. Corbin and Mr. Foster are also quite well-known here.

Mr. Brown is evidently a new man in politics. The candidates are all reputable gentlemen and the campaign will be fought out on the principles of the democratic and republican party.

We know of none but gentlemen on either ticket, and trust the campaign will be conducted in a straight and honorable manner.

Death of Mrs. James Kinney-Maguire.

The above lady passed away at her home in the village of Wilson about 9 o'clock Tuesday evening, the 24th of July. Mrs. Maguire had been sick for about a year and a half with that dread disease, consumption, and Mr. Maguire had taken her to Chicago several times to the best medical authorities and everything was done possible, but of no avail, as the hand of death was upon her. She leaves a husband, the well-known Wilson merchant, and a little girl about eighteen months old to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother, and hundreds of friends who will mourn the loss of a dear friend. Mrs. Wilson is highly spoken of by all who knew her as a kind and gentle lady. Mr. Maguire and the little girl will receive the sympathy of many friends.

The funeral took place at the Catholic church in Emington Friday morning, at 8 o'clock, and was very largely attended.

Fires.

Everything is so dry that everyone should exercise particular care as regards fire. Villages, houses, barns and fields of grain in shock have burned in this vicinity causing losses of thousands of dollars.

In immediate neighborhood we hear of the burning of fifteen acres of oats belonging to J. Spandit, and five acres belonging to Mike Kennedy.

NANTUCKET.

Something About This Historical, Quaker, Summer Resort.

We take the liberty to publish a very interesting extract from a personal letter received by the editor from our esteemed townsman, Major C. J. Judd. We feel sure the extract will be read with a great deal of interest as all our citizens are interested in the whereabouts and pleasures of the genial Major and his estimable family.

Nantucket as an island offers little attraction to landscape artists. It seems to have its existence from a conglomeration of sand intended to smother some of the rocks on the New England coast, but the bill of lading was so indefinite as to the consignee, that the cargo missed its intended destination and was discharged where it could form a harbor of its own creation. The intention to create a land of shapely proportions was no doubt well conceived, but after adjusting the Nantucket Bay with its up-harbor extension, there was nothing left to fill out the tapering extremities. Scaevola lighthouse on the east, stands on an elevation of 113 feet. The light is 75 feet high, with capacity for regular light 30 miles and flash 40 miles. Great Point at the north and Brant Point in Nantucket harbor are just above high-tide. The surface of the island has the appearance of great sand swells, with occasional tufts of scrub pines about three feet high. Huckleberry bushes and other similar underbrush have given it the title of moors. Scattering farm houses and other outbuildings indicate anticipated prosperity to the would-be thrifty proprietor, but not even the friendly countenance of material for a stone fence offers sufficient encouragement to establish a field. Here and there the waves have sagged and with astonishing courage, individual blades of grass creep out and signal a morning congratulation to a distant neighbor. What these farms produce and how the owner exists is a mystery, which will require a solution through "Prime's Crop Bureau". Outside the streets of Nantucket, I have not found a tree ten feet high. The roads are appropriately termed "trails". These are tracks formed through the turf-cut and consist of half a dozen parallel wagon tracks, doubled from regular use, into single and double team transit. Whenever "rut" you patronize there you remain to destination; you are sunk in the sand without a side-saddle. The Nantucket wagon is a creation unknown elsewhere. The material is brought here for their manufacture, as only this climate could originate such a design: a square 24-inch box, with paneled sides and ends 8 feet long, two chair seats across with folding backs, an iron seat at the rear with hinged tail-board, gives mode of ingress. Carriage trees and sails lead you to surmise, for a roaring beach. Sissonset, for quaint cottages having figure head decorations, and built like fishermen's huts, with deck or cabin designs. Wauninet, for surf and harbor bathing and clam dinners. Quidicut, for the name. Coates, for lobster bathing and juniper. Sea Cliff, for more baths and a high-tide surf. West End, for hummock ponds, water lilies and cat tails.

In 162 Bartholomew Gosnold, an English navigator struck a fog and sand shoal, the latter made his discovery of the island a necessity, and being a successful dealer in real estate, he discovered a purchaser at \$20 and two beaver hats. It is claimed that one of the hats now shades the "verily" countenance of an ancient quaker. I am satisfied that I have met the historical relic.

The island formed a part of New York until 1629, then Massachusetts took it by request of the few hundred whites and Indians. The chief industries consisted of sifting sand and casting grails for bluefish until 1791 when their first whaler sailed for the Pacific. In 1822 ninety whale ships and thirty-five merchant vessels were engaged at Nantucket harbor, 10,000 people found prosperous occupation, now two or three schooners compose the fleet and make weekly trips with coal and ice for summer visitors. Nantucket city, has a population of about 4,000. The streets are courts. Alleys, lanes and pockets drifting about wherever the original skipper made a path to reach his home from the shore. Very little innovation occurs from original architecture. Houses are square blocks of rooms, flush with the street, entrance at the side or a hole slashed in front, with half a dozen steps, with a small porch. The houses are decorated with knockers decorate the entrance, which is well protected by a hand-made strap hinge and a thumb latch adjusted by a two-foot lever. Nantucket City as a summer resort is the dream land of American comfort. Here the "boys" are contentions and the "girls" whalers' wives, every body lives from 30 to 140 years and remember the whaling days of the past. The city is a quaint old wharf, painfully precise in architecture, tortuously twisted into streets, grim puritan waves along the walks while "Clark the crier" mourns the daily events of a mid-ocean haven of peaceful rest. Free from modern cyclones and fashions folly, a little world lifted out of the sea, where the breezes make merry music and visitors revel in quiet enjoyment of a seasons forgetfulness. Billowing for bluefish and floating for founder are tempting trips, and soon establish the off-islander as a permanent resident, through his bottled lobster stage or pure Cuban shade complexion.

The names Coffin, Macy, Gardner, Swain and Starbuck, grace many a door-plate and tombstone and the present inhabitants are direct descendants. A little incident occurred a few years since which deprived Nantucket of two season boarders, but the unpleasant suggestion has gradually worn away and Gotham comes well represented. Two New Yorkers arrived when accommodations were limited, applied to a quaker lady for board; she kindly consented to take the strangers in for a worldly consideration, but informed them "I will permit them to sit at my table, but there will have to make thy bed in Coffin," meaning her next neighbor's house.

Many of the houses have railed walks across the entire length of the roof, as lookouts for returning vessels. Often the year of construction is carved in the woodwork, 1790 being a fairly dated back a few hundred years, and then carry the age without question. These old side shingles carry moss, and salt atmosphere age with wonderful preservation. The old "Thomas Alaman" still holds its fixed position in every family and governs the duties with the same confidence of over a hundred years ago. The north church bell rings at 7 a. m., the hour for labor and at 9 p. m., for retiring, the same as a century ago.

"Nantucket like a shell, closes presses on the sea, And holds a living well of constant melody. Within; the surge and swell of its humanity." C. J. J.

Nantucket, Mass., July 25, 1894.

Republican State Convention.

The editors pocketed their passes and went to the scene of the Republican state convention at Springfield this week, and enjoyed the trip, although here was a little hot for the most desirable comfort. The full delegation as recently published, from Livingston county, was present and voted for pretty nearly all the defeated candidates. The delegation voted on state treasurer as follows: Atkins: Tracy: Wulff: I. We didn't learn who the "band-wagon" gentleman was.

Those outside the delegation from the county were Hons. C. C. Strawn, G. W. Paton, Bert Torrance, Hon. H. H. McDowell and R. M. John, of Pontiac; Col. J. B. Parsons, J. F. Wassell and W. G. Dustin of Dwight; Mr. Ramsey of Fairbury. Hon. Bailey Gower held a proxy from John McWilliams.

The state convention was called to order in representative hall at 12 noon Wednesday by Mr. Clark, chairman of the state central committee. Alderman Mann, of Chicago, was named as temporary chairman and made a good speech. J. R. B. Van Cleve was, of course, made secretary. Between reading and keeping the flies off his bald head he had his hands full. The permanent chairman was Ex-Governor Jos. W. Fifer, who also made a good speech.

After the usual sparring the business was reached. By a decisive vote it was decided not to nominate a senator.

The following are the successful candidates: State Treasurer—Henry Wulff, Chicago.

Superintendent Public Instruction—S. M. Inglis, of Carbondale.

For Trustees Illinois State University—Mrs. J. M. Flower, Chicago; Samuel Bullard, Springfield; Alex. McLean, of Macomb.

Wulff was nominated on the first ballot, and indeed the only nomination there was any particular contest over was that of superintendent.

Representative hall was packed like sardines in a box and the delegates sweltered in the heat, but seemed to be good natured. It was hard work for the chairman to keep order there being 1334 delegates. The galleries were also crowded and thousands in the corridors and grounds, unable to gain admittance.

The new eleventh congressional district met in the attorney general's room at 10 o'clock and selected committees as follows: Resolutions, J. W. Bailey, Bureau; Credentials, J. A. Zeller, Woodford; Permanent organization, Jasper Wood, Bureau. State central committee man, Hon. Walter Reeves, of Streator. Livingston county—000.

Fire.

There was a large blaze and severe loss on the farm occupied by Jens A. Smith, two and one-half miles east and one mile south of Dwight Thursday afternoon. The farm was owned by D. McWilliams and known as the Kimball place. A large barn and seven houses were consumed by the flames in a very few minutes. Mr. Smith had gone to Chicago with sheep and not returned.

The Smith family had recently taken one of the Chicago waifs for a few weeks and we hear it was the little boy who set the fire, through carelessness. We hear that there was some insurance.

Fire at Chenoa.

Our neighboring town of Chenoa was almost completely burned last Tuesday afternoon, only three business houses being left in the town. The village business part contained some very handsome new brick structures, but all are gone and it is a severe blow to the inhabitants and their neighbors all extend sympathy. The loss is variously estimated from \$350,000 to \$500,000 with about one-third insurance. Chenoa had no water to amount to anything and no fire protection and was at the mercy of the flames and everything being dry as tinder they swept everything until the business portion is a barren and gloomy waste.

Base Ball.

The base ball club is going to start out with a flourish of trumpets and music by the band. A game has been arranged for next Thursday on their new diamond on the race track grounds between the Forrest and the home nine. The clubs are both good ones and an excellent game is expected.

The street parade of the band and clubs will take place at 1:30 and the game commence at 2. Carriages will be allowed on the grounds free. Ladies will be admitted free. The general admission is 25 cents. Go and see the game.

Struck by Lightning.

During the severe storm last week Friday, the elements played havoc in this locality. Trees were struck by lightning, and near the residence of Mr. Jacob Christman two horses were struck and killed. The horses were the property of Mr. Christman, and he is glad it is no worse.