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### ON EVE OF THE CONVENTION

Preliminary Work of the Gathering is Briefly Outlined.

### HARMONY IN ALL DELIBERATIONS

The Storm Bound Scrantonians Reach the Mecca of Their Pilgrimage After Unpleasant Experiences in a Special Train—An Outline of the Proceedings of Today—Major Everett Warren Selected as One of the Orators of the Convention—Other Prominent Speakers.

Editorial Correspondence Scranton Tribune.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 22.

IT WAS NOT long before the belated Scranton visitors to the state convention got out of storm-bound Sunbury, a special train having been secured for them by arrangement from Harrisburg. Before leaving Sunbury the party was reinforced by the Wilkes-Barre contingent, which had come over the Rock Glen cut-off from Catawissa to Sunbury. This train ploughed through water three feet deep and a man was required on the pilot of the engine to clear a path through the floating logs.

Among those who joined the original party from this train were Herbert L. Taylor and John J. David, of Hyde Park; Representative Moore, of Bradford; James Thomas, County Treasurer and ex-Sheriff Robinson, of Wilkes-Barre; Representative Harvey, of Shickelshuh; County Controller Abner Reese, Thos. Jones, Dr. Brundage, of Hazleton; Editor J. A. P. Taylor, of Montrose; Dr. Walton, of Stroudsburg, and Representative W. K. Brock, of the Third Lackawanna district. On the later trains tonight came Delegates Alex A. Kman, of Providence; E. B. Hardenbergh, of Wayne; Col. W. J. Harvey, of Wilkes-Barre; Representative Langhrey, of Luzerne; Postmaster Howard Armstrong, of Plymouth, and Justice James R. Euret, of West Pittston.

A. J. Colborn, jr., F. H. Clemons, Eugene D. Fellows, G. W. Watson, George B. Carson, T. J. Reynolds, Dr. J. J. Roberts, D. M. Jones, Richard Protheroe, Daniel Phillips, J. H. Williams, Dr. W. A. Payne, Walter Briggs, Rev. E. K. Lewis, W. J. Schumbert, and Robert Adams, comprised a party of additional Scrantonians who arrived on a late train.

Tomorrow's convention will be notable more for the absence of storm-bound veterans than for any exciting features. Governor Beaver will present General Hastings' name and the nomination will be seconded by Charles Emory Smith. Walter Lyons' name will be presented by Chris Magee and seconded by General Frank Reader. District Attorney Schaefer, of Delaware, will do the oratorical honors for Jack Robinson. District Attorney Graham, of Philadelphia, will name General Letta for secretary of internal affairs, and the evening speech will be made by Major Everett Warren, of Scranton. Colonel Frank Eshleman, of Berks, will nominate ex-Senator Mylin and there will be no opposition. Giles D. Price, of Erie, having withdrawn his name.

The other nomination speeches have not been decided upon, but it is probable that the name of Major McDowell for congressman at large will not be presented. Strong pressure has been brought to bear on the Robinson forces to secure a withdrawal of the Media congressman's candidacy. But up to 10 o'clock he remained obdurate, claiming sixty solid votes on as many ballots as may be taken.

Colonel Stewart's name, except in a complimentary sense, will not be presented. One of the Robinson artifices was evidenced in the calling of a secret caucus of delegates from the anthracite counties for the purpose of forming a permanent sectional union, but this was rendered futile through the refusal of delegates favorable to Lyon to have part in the move.

ROBINSON'S FATE SEEALED. The fate of the Robinson candidacy was sealed at 10 o'clock tonight, when a caucus of the Lyon forces mustered 198 out of 264 delegates, insuring his nomination overwhoppingly on the first ballot. Robinson declares he will fight to the last and go down with colors flying. General Wagner, of Philadelphia, will be temporary chairman and ex-Congressman Flood, of Erie, permanent chairman. Lackawanna's representation on the state committee has not yet been decided upon.

One ballot in each case is expected to nominate and the platform, it is declared, will make no concessions to the free silver fallacy. L. S. R.

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William McCarthy, at Lackawanna Hospital, Not Badly Hurt.

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### STEDEKER LOCATED.

The Brooklyn Handicap Welcher Is at the Rossin House, Toronto.

TORONTO, Ont., May 22.—Leon Stedeker, the bookmaker who vanished immediately after the Brooklyn handicap, is now in this city. He is staying at the Rossin House. He says he had many Dr. Rice winter tickets out at long odds.

He declares he did not take in a great amount, but added: "It does not require many winners at 50 to 1 against the books to bankrupt a man."

He expects to be able shortly to return to the turf. He is accompanied by his wife.

### PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

Refusal to Act on a Resolution Regarding the Morality of Congressmen—Home Missions.

SARATOGA, N. Y., May 22.—The service at the opening of the general assembly this morning was devoted to the subject of home missions. It was led by Mr. Buchanan, of New York. The committee on bills and overtures presented a partial report. An overture had been received from the Presbytery of New Albany asking the general assembly to memorialize congress to enact such regulations with reference to the personal life of its members as would prevent the presence in the national council of men of immoral and dissolute habits. The recommendation that no action be taken upon the subject was adopted by a small positive vote, but with no opposition.

The Presbytery of Rochester had sent an overture to the assembly saying that it "views with apprehension the attempt of the general assembly to make new definitions of dogma by deliverance and by judicial decision," and expressing the view that "no doctrinal statement which is not explicitly contained in the confession of faith and catechisms of the church is binding on our officers and members." In reply the following action was taken: "The general assembly has never undertaken to make new definitions of dogma either by deliverance or judicial decision, and we hope that this declaration of former assemblies, repeated by this general assembly, will allay the apprehensions of our worthy brethren of this presbytery."

Dr. Brown, of Portland, chairman of the committee on home missions, presented a report on that subject. He said that the church must raise \$1,238,341.40 during the coming year in order to pay the present indebtedness of the board, and to enable it to prosecute its work for the year 1894-5. During the year \$96,000 has been received, while a debt of nearly \$255,000 is reported, due to a falling off in legacies. The women's missionary societies have contributed \$268,000. Under commission from the board are 1,821 ministers and 308 teachers.

### STRIKE AT BRADENVILLE.

Mob of Two Thousand Miners Threatens Violence to Black Sheep.

BRADENVILLE, Pa., May 22.—This town was surrounded by a mob of 200 striking coal miners this morning and only thirty non-union miners were allowed to go to work at the Derry plant. The mob fired four shots into a house where some of the "black sheep" had taken refuge, but it is not known if any one was injured or not as the mob has surrounded the house and will not allow imprisoned men to come out. This evening the strikers have been reinforced and fully 2,000 strikers have surrounded the town.

Superintendent E. F. Sixman, of Derry plant, arrived this afternoon with twenty deputies, and if any attempt is made to operate the plant serious trouble will result as the strikers are armed and declare they will not allow the non-union men to enter the mines. The citizens of this village will pass a sleepless night tonight as one word from either side will cause blood to flow freely.

### TELLS CONFLICTING TALES.

Victor Rukosh to Be Tried for the Murder of His Wife.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., May 22.—Mrs. Victor Rukosh was found dead in her home this afternoon by Superintendent Kennedy, of the Street railroad. He heard a revolver shot and saw the woman's husband leave for a doctor, to whom he said that his 2-year-old son had accidentally shot his mother with a 38-calibre revolver. He has been arrested and tells conflicting stories.

### WASHINGTON NOTES.

Friends of state bank tax repeal are very hopeful of success.

The general treasury balance showed a slight improvement today, and stood at \$120,191,184.

Senator Kyle says that 50 per cent. of the Indiana claims which he has investigated are fraudulent.

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The flood is now gradually receding, but in the business section of the town there is yet twenty-seven feet of water. Williamsport and the entire West Branch valley presents a sorry sight indeed. The people prepared for the worst all day Sunday, so the losses in many instances will not be so great as five years ago. A careful estimate of the financial loss for Williamsport and Leveonung county at this time is \$10,000,000.

This city sustained its greatest loss in the wreck of the Susquehanna boom and the loss of 175,000 feet of logs held in it. At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the boom burst and the logs went floating down the river. These logs in their rough condition were worth on an average of ten dollars per thousand feet. Manufactured here they would have been worth twice that sum. In consequence the loss to the lumbermen alone will foot up over \$3,000,000. Added to this the loss occasioned by wrecked bridges, the stock of merchandise, household effects, damages to crops, etc., will easily bring the damage up to \$10,000,000.

### BRIDGES SWEEP AWAY.

A number of drowning accidents have been reported, but as yet these rumors have not been confirmed. The Market street bridge went out at 11 o'clock yesterday morning and the Maynard street bridge followed at 9 o'clock in the afternoon. These bridges were of iron and were replaced after the 1889 flood, each costing about \$70,000. One small span of the Pennsylvania railroad bridge at its eastern end in Montgomery was damaged, while the dome iron bridge of the Reading railroad and the new county iron bridge at Muncy are a total loss. The bridge of the Reading company cost \$150,000 and has been in use a little over four years.

The Pennsylvania railroad bridge at the eastern end of this city, and their Linden bridge were loaded down with coal cars, and the gas company were drowned out yesterday and the city was in total darkness. The lower portion of the city is without water by reason of the mains of the city water works having broken. The lower or business portion of the city presents a sad spectacle. The main streets are full of floating logs, board walks, wrecks of the fabric of all descriptions. Steam and hot water and even pieces of boards are used in the main thoroughfares in going from place to place. Thousands of persons fled for safety and shelter to higher grounds. These refugees have been very kindly cared for and the people of Williamsport are doing everything in their power to help themselves in their present deplorable calamity.

No newspapers were issued from any of the offices here yesterday, as the plants of all were drowned out.

The total losses here, as estimated by conservative men, are \$3,000,000. This includes \$1,500,000 in logs, \$250,000 in saved lumber and the balance on property throughout the city. The boom held 170,000,000 feet of logs.

### Easton Is Damaged to the Extent of \$200,000.

EASTON, Pa., May 22.—The flood at this place is subsiding. The Lehigh and Delaware rivers have fallen considerably last night and this morning. The damage done is large, especially to the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, whose large basin gave way last evening. At first the damage was placed at \$10,000, but it will now exceed \$200,000.

A coffer dam will have to be constructed before the basin can be rebuilt. This will serve to supply the Delaware division canal with water and will enable boats to pass at this point. It will require at least three months' work before transportation to New York and Philadelphia via the Morris and Delaware division canals can be resumed.

Bellefonte Is Isolated as in 1889—Death from Exposure.

BELLEFONTE, Pa., May 22.—The waters here are going down slowly, but Bellefonte is as much isolated as it was in 1889. Of the five railroads passing through the town and centering here only train service available is the local from Tyrone. There has been no through service east or west, nor is there likely to be for several days, owing to washouts and missing bridges. The damage done throughout the farming districts of this por-

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