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Let the Investigation Come.

There can be no doubt of the intent of the voters of Belleville at the recent election, when a Democratic auditor and a Democratic overseer of the poor were elected.

The campaign in the borough really began at the Republican caucus, some week's before the election, when overseer JAMES McCLEURE was turned down by his party for a re-nomination.

It had become evident previous to that time that the poor department was being mis-managed and the Republicans, fearing defeat with Mr. McCLEURE as their candidate, dropped him only to experience the defeat of their substitute.

Mr. McCLEURE turned in and fought the Republican nominee for auditor because, as he said: "CHAMBER'S made his brags about how he was going to show me up, and I made up my mind I was going to lick him."

Mr. CHAMBERS was defeated, but whether it was McCLEURE who did it we are not able to say. At all events the overseer, if there is anything wrong about his department, was "between the devil and the deep sea" in the fight.

The WATCHMAN is not now prepared to make any specific charges against Mr. McCLEURE's management of the poor department, but it is thoroughly conversant with the many stories afloat concerning crookedness in that branch of municipal government.

Mr. HOWLEY has been elected more on account of these reports than anything else and it is his duty to sift them to the bottom and report his finding to the people who have expressed their desire to know by his election.

Mr. HOWLEY your duty is plain and we have every confidence that you will do it.

The completeness of the Republican victory in Philadelphia appears in the re-election of every one of the councilmen, who have been huckstering franchises to street railway companies, selling their votes for shares of telephone stock, voting extravagant appropriations for the Public Buildings, and giving away the city revenues to dishonest contractors.

They were not only re-elected, but by increased majorities. The one against whom the clergy and women of his ward protested in the name of decency, was re-elected by so large a majority that he has received the congratulations of all the Republican leaders of the city.

It was a great day for Philadelphia Republicanism.

—EX-GOVERNOR PATTISON, although defeated in the mayoralty contest, has his excellent record and good reputation left. Philadelphia has nothing left but a misgoverned municipality and a pillaged treasury.

The Silver Craze. WASHINGTON, February 27.—The sentiments expressed in an interview several days ago with Representatives Bland and Livingston that the members of the democratic party who are favorable to free silver propose making that the main issue in the presidential elections of next year, will be followed this week by a meeting of representatives and senators who favor the free coinage of silver.

It is expected that this meeting will be largely attended. It is the intention of the promoters to issue a call stating that a majority of the democratic party desire free coinage and that they have been misrepresented by the minority, who will have thus committed into the single gold standard. It is understood that the call has already been written, but its authors decline to give publicly to it until it shall have been formally approved at the forthcoming meeting.

Chased Elopers Many Miles. WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Feb. 21.—Pretty 18-year-old Mary Adams, daughter of Farmer John Adams, of Pine Creek township, yesterday eloped with F. L. Walker, a fruit tree agent, who boarded at her father's house. Walker, who is 40 years of age, hired a horse and sleigh and the pair fled unnoticed.

Three Well Known Men Die.

Philip Collins' Death Breaks the Giant Trio of Celebrated Railroad Builders.

The announcement of the death of Philip Collins, the well-known railroad contractor, which occurred at his home in Ebensburg at 8 o'clock last Saturday evening, was received here with deep regret.

The immediate cause of Mr. Collins' death was a complication of diseases, which had their origin nine months or more ago in a severe attack of rheumatism, from which he never recovered sufficiently to resume active work.

Mr. Collins was about 74 years old and was a native of Cambria county. He is well-known throughout the entire State as one of the oldest and most prominent railroad contractors in the United States, having in his life assisted in the building of over one thousand miles of road.

His funeral was held in the Catholic church at Ebensburg on Tuesday morning. Rev. Deasy celebrated mass for the dead and Rev. John Boyle, of Johnstown, preached the funeral sermon. Five other priests were present and assisted in the service.

Mr. Collins was one of the projectors and founders of the Philadelphia Times, in connection with A. K. McClure and Frank McLaughlin. And, up to a few years ago was one of the principal stockholders in the Times Company.

He was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Margaret Noon, a daughter of "Judge" Noon, of Cambria county. He leaves a widow who was Mrs. John Scanlon, before her marriage to Mr. Collins.

The pall bearers were: Messrs J. D. Scravendyke, Harry Fenlon, John M. Dale, C. M. Parrish and Joseph L. Montgomery, all of this place, Matthew Smith Esq., of Altoona, and Messrs Michael Farren, A. W. Buck, J. B. Denny, M. D. Bearer, T. B. O'Hara and Wm. Dutton, all of Ebensburg.

DEATH OF R. B. WIGTON ESQ. J. E. Hedding, superintendent for R. B. Wigton & Sons, at Morrisdale, received a telegram from Philadelphia last Friday evening announcing the death of the senior member of the well known firm of R. B. Wigton & Sons.

Mr. Wigton was born near Spruce Creek, Huntingdon county, in the year 1818. He was therefore about 77 years of age. His early life was spent on his father's farm, where he was born. His first venture in business was the coal business in the old Rock Hill furnace where Orbisonia now stands.

At 1:30 o'clock the remains were taken to the Central Presbyterian church, where the final services in honor of the city's dead were held. Several ministers took part in the services.

At the close of the exercises the remains were taken to Mount Hope cemetery and buried beside his first wife.

Reception by Governor Hastings. HARRISBURG, Feb. 26.—The reception at the executive mansion tonight was one of the most brilliant affairs of the kind ever seen in the city.

at Gatesburg, and the gas coal operations at Saltsburg, Indiana Co. As a business man Mr. Wigton had very few, if any superiors. As a man of honor and integrity, he stood in the foremost ranks. He was a constant member of the Presbyterian church for many years.

What seems to us as a singular visitation of God's Providence, is the death of an elder brother of R. B. Wigton, Mr. A. J. Wigton who died at the old homestead, near Spruce Creek in Huntingdon county, at the home of his nephew, Mr. John Wigton. He was born in 1815 and was in his 80th year. Mr. A. J. Wigton died at 7 o'clock yesterday morning and his brother, R. B. Wigton at 6:05 in the evening.

The New Poor Law. Constitutional Amendment Relating to Elections. HARRISBURG, Feb. 27.—The house today used the greater part of its time to-day discussing the Gould poor law.

No formal conference was held, but Durham brought word that Quay would not consent to any Lexow business, and Senator Kaufmann, of Lancaster, who 10 days ago threatened to introduce a resolution himself, provided no one else did, announced to-night that neither he nor anyone else will present one.

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Kearns Must Get Out.

Ed. A. Bigler Pushed for the Pittsburg Collectorship.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—It is now pretty well settled that the president will remove Mr. Kearns, collector of internal revenue at Pittsburg, within the next day or two, nominating his successor at the same time. E. A. Bigler who was collector at Pittsburg under the former Cleveland administration, is regarded as the man most likely to succeed Kearns.

Bigler Gets It. The president sent to the senate nomination of Edmund A. Bigler, of Clearfield to be collector of internal revenue for the twenty-third district of Pennsylvania, and John S. Thompson to be postmaster at Reading, Pa.

No Investigation. That Is the Dictum of Quay Borne to Harrisburg. HARRISBURG, Feb. 25.—A delegation of leading Philadelphia Republican politicians got to town this afternoon, chief among them being Quay's lieutenant, Magistrate Durham. They came up in the interest of Philadelphia appointments, and to incidentally let out the fact that there will be no resolution presented to the legislature asking for an investigation of affairs in Philadelphia.

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State Meeting of the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army is Now in Session.

Convened in Williamsport.—Reports Were Read and Accepted.—The Gain in Membership—Officers Elected for the ensuing Year—Several Other Meetings Held—Several Camp Fires Blaze.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., February 26.—About 2,000 delegates to the twenty-ninth annual winter encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Pennsylvania have arrived and the city to-night bore a decidedly military appearance. The scenes in and around the leading hotels and on the streets were animating, as the veterans predominated at every point.

Perhaps the most important event of the evening was the meeting of the Pennsylvania Reserve association, at which officers were elected as follows: President, General John P. Taylor, of Lewistown, who succeeds the late ex-Governor Andrew G. Curtin; vice president, J. F. Morrison, of Philadelphia, re-elected.

There is no reason to doubt that Mr. Bisell's successor will be Congressman William L. Wilson, of West Virginia. It is also understood that Mr. Wilson's name will be sent to the senate to-morrow. But for the fact that the president intended making Mr. Wilson a member of his official family, a tender of the Mexican mission would, it is said, have been made to him.

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Additional Locals. Monday was pay day at the Mill Hall axe works. It is reported by trainmen that deer are frequently seen on the ice on the river in the vicinity of Renovo.

Miss Carrie Hughes Stewart, of Tyrone Forges, was married to Charles Richard McMillan, of Lewistown, last Thursday evening. The wedding was quite a society event at Tyrone and attracted guests from many cities in the State.

MARRIAGE LICENCES.—Issued during the past week taken from the docket. Adam P. Heckman, and Annie S. Vonasa, both of Gregg township. W. H. Mark, of Gregg township, and Vienna Styers, of Haines township.

John Kerstetter, of Aaronsburg, and Kate M. Grin, of Sober. Howard Lewis, of Rush township and Annie Pickup, of Philpsburg. Lloyd M. Luse and Senie M. Bower, both of Coburn.

Clayton I. Holmes, and Mary W. McCalmont, both of State College. Aumon M. Kerstetter, and Clara T. Barnes, both of Pleasant Gap.

J. C. NASON'S HOUSE TOTALLY DESTROYED.—The comfortable frame dwelling house of J. C. Nason, about two miles north of Julian, caught fire about two o'clock last Tuesday morning and was totally destroyed with all its contents. The family barely escaped in their night clothes.

The fire caught in a very mysterious manner, when Mr. Nason was awakened by the glare his wood house, which stood fifteen feet away from the dwelling, was totally enveloped in flames. The wind blew them directly to the house and it burned before its occupants could realize what was the matter. The house was just new and was very well furnished.

The entire loss will aggregate \$4,000, without a cent of insurance to offset it. The unfortunate man was unable to have his insurance renewed, as it expired just about two weeks ago and the agent of the Grange Co., with which he intended re-insuring, was delayed in getting to see him on account of the deep snow.

A lot of bones were found among the charred logs of the wood-house and some are of the opinion that a tramp might have crawled in there for the night and building a fire to keep warm, fell asleep and was burned up. Mr. Nason was in town yesterday and so complete was his loss that he was wearing a pair of borrowed shoes.

Bisell Steps Down.

Tired of Public Life, He Concludes to Retire to Privacy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Postmaster General Bisell set at rest all doubts as to his purpose of remaining in the cabinet by tendering his resignation to President Cleveland this afternoon. This action was not taken hastily. As far back as early autumn Mr. Bisell felt that his law practice at Buffalo required his personal attention, and at that time he notified the president that sooner or later he would be compelled to retire to private life. Nothing further passed between the two gentlemen with reference to this matter until ten days ago, when Mr. Bisell again assured the president that he must soon resign his portfolio.

There is no reason to doubt that Mr. Bisell's successor will be Congressman William L. Wilson, of West Virginia. It is also understood that Mr. Wilson's name will be sent to the senate to-morrow. But for the fact that the president intended making Mr. Wilson a member of his official family, a tender of the Mexican mission would, it is said, have been made to him. The president has been sincerely desirous of appointing Mr. Wilson to some office of dignity and importance commensurate with the West Virginian's abilities and his loyalty to the principles of the Democratic party.

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