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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

For State Treasurer.

BENJAMIN F. MEYERS, of Harrisburg.

For Judges of Superior Court.

HARMON YERKES, of Bucks county.

J. S. MOOREHEAD, of Westmoreland Co.

C. H. NOYES, of Warren county.

P. P. SMITH, of Lackawanna county.

OLIVER P. BECHTEL, of Schuylkill Co.

CHRISTOPHER MAGEE, of Allegheny Co.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Prothonotary.—W. F. SMITH, of Penn Twp.

For District Attorney.—W. J. SINGER, of Bellefonte.

Not a Good Witness.

Now that Mr. A. V. MILLER has secured JOSHUA FOLK as a certifier to his bravery and honesty as a soldier, we suppose he feels that the record is all right. If ABRAM had only appreciated how little respect the people have for, or how little reliance they place in JOSHUA's statement he would come to the conclusion that he hasn't added much to his discretion as a citizen or to his reputation as a soldier, by furnishing him as a voucher. Here, where JOSHUA is best known, and where people have reason to know him, there is not one man in ten who would give any consideration to anything he would assert; and when the Republican candidate for prothonotary is compelled to fall back on such a witness, to prove his character and honesty, he is only showing, in the plainest way, how little reason the people of the county have for entrusting to him one of the most important offices in their gift.

The State Treasury Abuse.

The Philadelphia Ledger continues its complaint about the dribbling manner in which the state treasurer pays the school money due the city of Philadelphia.

On the 30th of June, the end of the fiscal year, the treasury was short one million of dollars in its payment of the city's school claim. There was no reason why this money should not have been paid during that year, except that it was being used for another purpose in no way connected with the legitimate business of the treasury.

In August the state treasurer managed to pay \$150,000 of this overdue school money to the city treasury; in September he gave another dribble of \$150,000, and on the 19th of October another payment of \$175,000 was made, these reluctant installments amounting to not one half of the sum that was overdue on the 1st of July, while the balance in the treasury was at that time officially reported to be \$4,400,000.

There is but one explanation of this kind of business. The money in charge of the state treasurer is more than enough to pay all the school claims promptly, but that official has it out at interest for the benefit of private parties, and does not find it convenient to draw it in when payment should be made to those who are lawfully entitled to it. This explains not only the Philadelphia delinquency, but also why more than two millions of dollars due the schools of the State remain unpaid.

This vicious practice of making private gain out of the state money will go on, and get worse every year, if not rebuked by the people. That it is worse at this time than it ever was before is largely due to the immense Republican majority last year, which has encouraged the Republican custodians of the state funds to believe that they can do almost anything with it without being called to account. Will the people confirm them in this belief by giving the Republican candidate for state treasurer this year the usual majority?

Will the People Endorse It?

The present State administration has played into the hands of monopolizing corporations whenever it has been called upon to do so. The consequence is that new forms of tribute to overgrown monopoly are exacted of the people.

Take the case of the Philadelphia and Pittsburg street railways. With the competition that existed between a number of lines the people's interest was protected. That was an advantage to which they were clearly entitled, and which legitimate competition always furnishes them.

But immediately after the election of HASTINGS a monopolistic combination was formed in each of those cities to bring the street railways under a consolidation control. The required legislation was readily furnished by a

Republican Legislature and Governor, and the citizens are now at the mercy of those unrestrained corporations that can charge such fares as will bring them in the largest profits.

A new schedule of fares has accordingly been arranged in Philadelphia that deprives the people of transfer privileges, which they had when there were competing lines, and several millions more per annum will be added to the profits of this grasping monopoly. These transfers were very beneficial to laboring men, who use the cars in going a long distance to and from their work, but they must now pay an increased fare in order that the dividends of the street railway magnates, already too large, may be made still larger.

This outrage upon the people of Philadelphia and Pittsburg was not dared to be attempted while there was a Democratic Governor at the head of the state government. However much Republican Legislatures were disposed to favor it, they were restrained by the knowledge that ROBERT E. PATRISON would veto their project; but after the election of HASTINGS not a moment was wasted in effecting their scheme of extortion upon street railway passengers.

It may be said that such treatment serves those two cities about right in view of the big majorities they gave the state officials who have enabled these corporations to oppress them, but still they are to be pitied for having made themselves the victims of their own political fanaticism.

But the people of the State at large are suffering from another act of this state administration that has subjected them to a monopolistic extortion of a more general character. There is not a householder in the State who has not been made to pay increased tribute to the Standard oil company by Governor HASTINGS' signing the MARSHALL pipe-line bill—a scheme of monopolistic robbery that was "hung up" while ROBERT E. PATRISON had command of the veto power.

By the oil product being thus put entirely under the control of that corporation the price of coal oil was immediately advanced. This extortion, entering every household in the State, amounts in the aggregate to millions, which Governor HASTINGS, either for personal or partisan gain, has enabled the greediest monopoly on earth to exact from all classes of Pennsylvania citizens.

A few parties in official stations, together with their outside pals, may have made, in this connection, many thousands of dollars from tips given them by the Standard in the oil gamble that was gotten up immediately after the signing of the pipe-line bill, but how will this compensate the farmer and mechanic who, when he lights his coal oil lamp in the evening, is reminded of the increased expense he has been put to in the price of oil in order that this gentry, official as well as corporate, might increase their ill-gotten wealth?

The fact of these corporate extortions are as self-evident as the daylight. The people are fully cognizant of them. They see and feel their effects. They know from what source they come. Now are they ready to endorse and maintain the party that is responsible for them? Have they a right to complain of being made the victims of such unfaithful public service if they make no sign of their disapproval at the polls? Does it become them to be even dissatisfied with this corporate robbery if they endorse the HASTINGS administration by their votes?

The Records Prove It.

HENRY QUIGLEY was admitted to the bar April 16th, 1891. Four and one half years have elapsed since then, yet he has never had a case in court. By this we mean he has never attempted to carry one through himself. Though the records do not show it there is a report current that he once participated in the trial of ONE CASE before a jury, that is, he made the opening speech, but further than that he had nothing to do with it.

Last week the Gazette charged us with falsifying in saying that QUIGLEY has never tried a case in court and tried to carry conviction with its charge by publishing the following:

"The statement that Mr. QUIGLEY has never tried a case in court is equally false, as the jurors who have sat before him in cases will testify, and he has received many compliments from both Democrats and Republicans on the skill he displayed in his brief but successful practice before the Centre county bar."

It is a great pity that the editor of the Gazette hasn't larger feet, for when he stuck them into his mouth several weeks ago, by admitting MILLER's incompetency, they might have stopped it up and saved him this second blunder.

He does well to allude to Mr. QUIG-

LEY's "BRIEF practice." It has been extremely brief. In four and one-half years he has never tried a case by himself—the Gazette dares not contradict this, for the records in the court-house prove it—yet its editor asks the voters of Centre county to elect such a man over one who has had three years valuable experience in office. Remember this, when you draw comparisons between the men. Mr. QUIGLEY has done next to nothing in court since being admitted to the bar, in truth, that has been his life's record, while Mr. SINGER has had three year's experience as prosecuting attorney for the county.

Let the Gazette produce some of the jurors' who "have sat before him in cases." It knows it can't and in its madness it tries to deceive the people by falling back on imaginary endorsements. Mr. QUIGLEY, himself, will tell you that he has never participated in more than one case, and that one he merely opened—an opportunity for him to make his maiden speech, which, judging from the developments, must have been a dismal failure, since no one has intrusted him with a case since then.

The Gazette Crying Liar!

After having promised its readers a fair and honest statement of facts during the campaign now on the Gazette last week devoted about half a column to calling the editor of the WATCHMAN liar and other invectives of a like nature. This was done because, as the Gazette charged, we had misquoted it on the question of MILLER's incompetency. In a recent issue we published the following digest of the fifth paragraph of its editorial under the caption "Well Served," as it appeared in its issue of October 4th.

"Mr. Miller's failure as a business man was due to charity, his incompetency would not prevent him from engaging a suitable person to fill the office."

The fact that we condensed the Gazette's article has evidently encouraged it to believe that if it cried: liar; sensible people would be deceived and overlook the condemnatory admission of its blundering editor. From the article mentioned we quote as follows: "MILLER has ordinary ability, supplemented by good sense enough to employ efficient help." "The Republican party will hold itself responsible for the proper keeping of the office, etc."

As to the words referring to Mr. MILLER's failure as a business man we need not even quote the Gazette, since every one who knows MILLER knows that they are all too true.

Now if Mr. MILLER has only "ordinary" ability is he a fit man to be made prothonotary? If he must fall back on the Republican party "for the proper keeping of the office" is that a sufficient guarantee to warrant anyone to vote for him? Do you remember when this same promise was made for ROBERT COOK, whom they elected sheriff? Do you remember when the same promise was made for that notorious HENDERSON-DECKER board of commissioners. They were expensive illustrations of men with only "ordinary" ability and the taxpayers will hardly be likely to try the experiment again.

The Gazette tries to squirm out of its admission by claiming that it was misquoted. Admitting that it was in words, but not in meaning, it assumes a baby role and hopes to undo its bad work in denying the admission its own columns betray.

Fight Declared Off.

The Corbett-Fitzsimmons Battle Will Not Take Place—What Martin Julian, Fitzsimmons' Manager Says.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Oct. 21.—The Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight has been declared off by the Florida Athletic club. Corbett and Brady were willing to postpone the fight to Nov. 11, but Julian as Fitzsimmons' representative, was not, and the club then declared the match off. The negotiations were brief and not in the best temper. Each side charged the other with an attempt either to get the better of the bargain or to kill the fight altogether. At the conclusion of the talk, Martin Julian, Fitzsimmons' manager, said: "I did all I could to make satisfactory arrangements, but the Corbett people would not listen to reason. I offered to let Fitzsimmons fight Corbett in private for the side bet, but they would not agree to it. They wanted a postponement to Nov. 11, which was merely another way of saying that they did not want to fight at all. Of course I declined to listen to the proposition. Vendig and his crowd tried their best to job us, but we would not have it."

Brady on the other hand, charged that Julian flunked, and that he would not agree to anything "except a title to the whole State of Arkansas, with Governor Clark's office to sleep in," as he expressed it.

Brady later announced that Corbett was prepared to fight any man in the world on Nov. 11, Robert Fitzsimmons preferred, the man to be named within twenty-four hours. Vendig announced that he would match Peter Maher against Corbett for \$5,000.

The outcome of the middle cannot be foretold, but it looks as though there will still be a fight of some kind on Nov. 11.

Vote for Six.

That is What the Supreme Court Says.

Pittsburg, Oct. 17.—The supreme court of Pennsylvania, sitting here today, reversed the recent decision of Judge Simonon, of Dauphin county, and declared the act creating the superior court of the State to be constitutional. The opinion sustaining the new court act was handed down by justice Dean. Chief justice Sterrett and associate justice Williams dissented, however. In his opinion justice Dean decided that but six of the candidates can be voted for by an elector. Among other things justice Dean says the courts are without authority to revise the work of the state Legislature, so long as that work is in strict harmony with the constitution.

Gay Lothario Caught.

Wanted in Clearfield County on the Charge of Trifling With a Girl's Affections.

CLEARFIELD, Oct. 19.—Yesterday Professor George Weld, of Glen Hope, this county, was arrested in Greenup, Kentucky. Weld was under \$600 bail in this county for his appearance at court on the charge of fornication. He skipped out about a month ago, and it was through the efforts of his father-in-law, who was on his bond, that he was apprehended. Weld was a music teacher but incidentally devoted considerable of his time to the woman, which got him into serious trouble. Constable Goss, of Wallace, will go to Kentucky as soon as he can procure requisition papers for the prisoner.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Yearick, Lock Haven's base ball pitcher last season, has signed to play with Boston in 1896.

—James C. Noll, Esq., formerly of this place, has been admitted to the practice of law in the courts of Lackawanna county.

—Mrs. Margaret High, wife of Irvin High, died at Mill Hall, on Sunday, of typhoid fever. Deceased was only twenty-seven years old and leaves a husband and five children.

—Mrs. Marcy Breeze has rented the house on Curtin street lately occupied by Miss Emily Natt and will move into it November 1st. Miss Natt will make her home in the future with the family of Mr. Robert Valentini.

—The Board of advisors of the 4th district conference society of Epworth Leagues, embodying seven conferences of the Methodist church, was in session here, yesterday, planning for the annual convention of the League at Harrisburg. There were about sixteen members of the board present.

—While constable James McFeeley and James Miller, of Altoona, were hunting wild turkeys on the mountains, in Huntingdon county, the former was riddled with fine shot by G. W. Prather, a Pittsburg gunner, who mistook the Altoona man for a nice big gobbler. The accident happened in this way: It had grown dusk on the mountains when McFeeley sat down on a log and took out his turkey bone with which he began to call. It was not long until an answering: gobble, gobble, gobble, came from a knoll not far off. Thus encouraged he kept very still and tried to entice the other turkey up to him, but when he had accomplished his end a flash and a sharp report told the story of his mistake. The other turkey had been Prather and as he saw McFeeley's hat in the twilight he let go with the result already mentioned.

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE vs BUCKNELL.—For the benefit of persons desiring to witness the football game between the elevens of these two institutions, at Williamsport, Saturday, October 26th, the Penna. railroad company has arranged to run a special train from Williamsport to Bellefonte, leaving Williamsport at 11:30 p. m., regular train leaving Bellefonte at 9:28 a. m. to be used going. Excursion tickets will be sold for use on these trains at the rate of \$1 for the round trip.

A SHAKESPEARIAN ATTRACTION.

If half the men and women, too, who witness the performance of the "Merchant of Venice" next Monday night, at Garman's, do not get bewitched by the beauty, the grace, the modesty and the natural acting of Miss Nora O'Brien as "Portia" then they have flintier hearts than persons in other places visited by the Charles B. Hanford, Elinor H. Spencer and Nora O'Brien dramatic "confederacy." Miss O'Brien is, so many smart critics affirm, destined to accomplish great things on the stage. In sweet "Portia" she appears at her best, for the character is a many sided one. Mr. Hanford will play old "Shylock" and Mr. Spencer will impersonate that frolicsome blade, "Bassanio." Every other character in the piece will be played by an expert actor. James Cardon, a player of ripe experience and rare power, plays "Antonio," the merchant, from whose breast "Shylock" hoped to cut a pound of flesh. The scenery is the finest of the sort ever presented to an audience in Bellefonte.

TO MEET IN THEIR NEW HALL.—Bellefonte castle, No. 357, Knights of the Golden Eagle, will meet in their new hall, in the Eagle building, for the first time next Tuesday evening.

DIED WITH MALIGNANT DIPHTHERIA.—Willie, the ten year old son of Mr. Walter Whippo, of Willowbank street, died on Monday evening after a short illness with malignant diphtheria. The remains were interred in the Union cemetery, Tuesday afternoon, the services having been strictly private.

A CHILD BURNED TO DEATH IN ITS MOTHER'S ARMS.—About the most heart rending accident that has been chronicled for some time was that of the burning of Mrs. Wallace Bierly and her baby, at Rebersburg, on Monday morning.

Mrs. Bierly was in the wash-house working when her child procured a bottle and the coal-oil can. The little one tried to fill the bottle with the oil, all the while close by the side of the kitchen stove. As might have been expected the oil became ignited and in exploding the burning fluid was thrown all over the child. Its screams attracted its mother who ran at once but 'twas too late. The baby had been burned almost to a crisp.

In her frantic efforts to save her child Mrs. Bierly did not realize her own danger until her clothing was all ablaze. Then she ran screaming for help and was found unconscious in the street with her clothing nearly all burned off and her body in such a condition as to make her recovery doubtful.

The child lingered in misery until the afternoon when death ended its sufferings. The remains were buried on Wednesday.

Mrs. Bierly is a daughter of Mr. Wm. Hatley, of Aaronsburg. At last report she was still alive with slight chance for her recovery.

COUNCILS' REGULAR BUDGET.—Council had rather an interesting session Monday night. Interesting because it promised a reform that the people of the town have longed for for some time, but there is little reason to believe that the reform will follow council's promise. A body that enacts ordinances which it never tries to enforce is not the kind to inspire much confidence in the public. However the past has been we gladly accept this manifestation of a determination to bring about a reform in the town as an atonement for having neglected the demands of the people for so long.

The first business considered was the petition of Jacob Kniesly and William T. Royer, representatives of the Undine fire company, that the annual appropriation be paid to that organization at once.

Monroe Armor asked for a change of grade near his east Linn street property and urged the repair of Armor street, between Linn and Lamb.

The Street committee reported work on east High street, the widening of the bridge over Logan's branch, on Willowbank street, to conform to the street as widened by the setting back of Samuel Deihl's fence. The committee was of the opinion that Mr. Deihl has still taken up borough property. A new grade was reported for Pike alley and a compromise for \$300 was reported made with W. E. Gbeen for damages to his lot through the opening of Armor street.

The Water committee reported a new flue in No. 2 boiler at the water-works, also a new concrete pavement along the property.

The Market committee reported the collection of \$4.10 fees, then the solicitor was instructed to prepare a petition to hand to court for the appointment of a successor to high constable Michael Berger, who has moved to Jeanette.

After this was all done council began tearing up the police force. All manner of complaints were made and from the way things started out it looked very much as if the officers were going to lose their jobs, forth-with, but it finally resolved itself into explicit directions to the burgess to have the ordinance relating to children being on the street after night strictly enforced, also to provide helmets for the officers and to see that they wear them, reporting any delinquencies at once.

It is to be hoped that council and the burgess will have the courage to stand up for the enforcement of their orders. The way things have been running in this place lately is indeed a disgrace. Such spectacles as drunken children making the air blue with their blasphemy are not unusual in the West end and, sad to relate, they have been allowed to go so far in their wickedness that many of them are incorrigible now and have no fear, whatever, of an officer of the law or a night in the lock-up.

Possibly it has never occurred to them, but upon the council and burgess of Bellefonte rests the blame for the condition that is sure to make criminals of a large percentage of these boys. Had they been properly looked after by the police they would never have become so hardened in sin and brazen in their manner that the probability of subduing them now is beyond reason.

A TWO LEGGED DOG.—A dog owned by Edward Lindsey at the "red school house," about a mile north of this place, has the proud distinction of having only two legs. The dog is about four weeks old and notwithstanding the fact that it has to go it without any fore legs trots and plays the live long day.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphans' court clerk, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week:

Harry C. Brown, of Chicago, Ill. and Adah R. Creamer, of Rebersburg; Wilbur H. Holt, of Moshannon, and Cora B. Lucas, of Snow Shoe.

Morris E. Frank, of South Phillipsburg, and Clara G. Hazzard, of Rush township.

J. B. Heberling, of Pine Grove Mills, and Arvilla Bloom, of State College; Frank F. Irwin and Cora M. Row, of Phillipsburg.

Harvey A. Heaton, of Boggs township, and Nannie Moran, of Bellefonte; John M. Beezer and Anna C. Murray, both of Bellefonte.

Snyder Tate and Rebecca J. Garbrick, both of Coleville; Charles Edward Wetzel and Catherine A. Miller, of Spring township.

Robert Watkins, of Howard township, and Melvina Fink, of Taylor township.

James J. Wyman, of Boggs township, and Sodie Mann, of Curtin township.

Port Matilda Pointers

Abe Miller, Republican candidate for prothonotary, visited this section the other day.

J. C. Harper Esq., of Bellefonte, passed through town the other day but we did not have a chance to shake hands with him.

Elizabeth, wife of Elijah Williams, living about two miles north of Jullian, died on Monday morning. The cause of her death was consumption. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Harry Goss, a Phillipsburg bicyclist fell off his machine while coming down the mountain near this place, last Thursday, and injured his leg so badly that he had to return home. He was on his way to Williamsport at the time.

We over heard some of our young ladies reading the Port Matilda Pointers the other evening and saying that they would like to see their names mentioned some time. Just wait girls your turn might come when you least expect it.

Miss Elvelda Texas and Lillie Woodring, of Port Matilda, were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Zane Woodring on Monday, on their way home from Houzdale, where they had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Harpster for a week—Phillipsburg Ledger.

We were very agreeably surprised last Friday when we saw Mr. Jacob Spots able to be about once more. He has been confined to his home all summer. Though 83 years old he walked the entire distance of two miles from his home to this place and seemed so lively that we were not astonished to hear him remark: "I feel like appreciating myself to a blacksmith somewhere to blow and strike for him."

Things That Have Happened at State College.

We noticed Rev. J. W. Forrest of Howard, on our streets on Tuesday.

Mr. Pillsbury and bride have arrived and are occupying the Edmiston house on College avenue.

Mr. E. H. Hess, of the Experiment Station, has returned from a very pleasant visit to his former home in Lancaster county.

The Electrical and Mechanical students, who arrived from their Pittsburg trip, on Monday, report having had a fine time gaining practical instruction.

We are pleased to note that the subscription paper for the relief of John Garner, who was left by the death of his wife a few days ago with a house full of small children, is meeting with the success it rightly deserves.

The protracted having and other disgraceful actions among the students has brought several of their number to grief at the hands of the faculty. The cool headed ones have been instrumental in calling some meetings in the College chapel, at which the whole student body have given the question of self-government thorough consideration. The following committee has been elected by the respective classes to represent them before the faculty to secure power to enforce rules and regulations relating to the proper conduct of the general student body viz. Seniors, McCaskey, Carter and Kuhn; Juniors, Hill; Soph's, Walker; Fresh, Carpenter; Sub-Fresh, Parry. Self government has proven itself to be a success just so long as the students faithfully abide by the demands of its committee and no longer.

W. S. N. E.

Pine Grove Mention.

George Behers, we are sorry to say is on the sick list.

Mrs. O. M. Sheets, of Bellefonte, is the guest of Mrs. Annie Krebs.

Mr. James McWilliams has been confined to bed for several weeks with a severe attack of typhoid fever.

We are glad to note the improvement of our lumber king, A. M. Brown, who has been confined to bed for several days with symptoms of fever.

Tussey council No. 515 J. O. U. A. M. of this place will attend the flag raising over the new school house in West Tyrone on the 2nd of Nov.

Our young friend, G. W. Tate, formerly of this place, whose back was seriously hurt in the railroad wreck near Altoona is improving in the hospital in that place.

J. P. Kanode, a hustling salesman for a large shoe and rubber house in Philadelphia, Sundayed with W. J. Myers on Main street. Mr. Kanode reports sales good and business brisk all over the country.

The corps of surveyors appointed to locate the line between Centre and Huntingdon counties are making rapid progress. They are now sighting their way up along Tussey Mountain south of Penna. Furnace.