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Let Us Have Pure Elections.

The WATCHMAN gives its unqualified endorsement to the compact entered into by Col. W. F. REEDER, county chairman of the Republican party, and CYRUS BRUNGART, county chairman of the Democratic party, whereby they agree to eliminate money, whiskey and other considerations as a factor at the approaching election.

THE COMPACT.

We, the undersigned, respectively chairmen of the Democratic and Republican committees of Centre county, with a view to securing purer politics in borough and county elections, do hereby agree upon the following:

- 1st. That the use of intoxicating liquors and the purchase of votes with money or the promise of anything of value, have become a pronounced evil and we therefore pledge our conscientious effort to totally eradicate all semblance of such practices.
2nd. We hereby pledge ourselves to the payment of the sum of fifteen dollars to the first person who makes information and secures the conviction of any person or persons of bribery, or furnishing intoxicating drinks, money or anything of value to influence a voter.

3rd. That the citizens of the county be requested to offer a voluntary contribution for the establishment of a fund to be used solely for the purpose of paying the reward and expenses incurred in such a prosecution or future prosecutions, said contributions to be deposited in a bank to be agreed upon by the undersigned.

WILBUR F. REEDER, Chairman of Republican Com.
CYRUS BRUNGART, Chairman of Democratic Com.

There never was any doubt about the Gazette's being too much of a liar to have any weight with honest people. When it says, as it will today, that GEO. R. MEKE, or any other person, challenged a single voter in the West ward at the last election it simply does its best to maintain its reputation as a thoroughly irresponsible, malicious sheet. The only vote that was questioned in the West ward last fall was that of Mr. JAS. REED, of Washington, D. C., and that question was raised by the election board itself, because he was not on the registry list and was merely a question of establishing his residence in Bellefonte or Spring township; there being no question as to his right to vote somewhere in the county.

Tony Grillo and Wife the Probable Victims of a Vendetta.

Shortly after midnight Sunday Night Their Home and Store Room at Portage were Destroyed by a Dynamite Explosion—Both of Them were Killed.

Tony Grillo and his wife, Margaret, both of Portage, are dead, the probable victims of a deadly vendetta started years before in their native sunny Italy, and the amount of money they had in their house was stolen by the murderer.

Shortly after midnight Sunday night the Grillo home and store room were destroyed by a dynamite explosion, and Mr. and Mrs. Grillo were killed and two of their boarders were seriously injured.

The Grillos were fruit dealers and lived in a small two-story frame building, two blocks away from the railroad station.

The oldest of the children was a son, Mike, who is 26 years old, and the other four ranged in age from 13 years to 5 years. They were asleep in other parts of the house.

Mike, the oldest son, slept on the second floor of the house, three of the other children slept with their parents and the other one slept in a separate room.

The only clue to the crime is the story of Mrs. Postler Eicker, the wife of the printer at Portage, who had to get up about midnight to care for her small baby that was ill, and who went to one of the windows in her room.

Few buildings in the town escaped damage, for the force of the explosion was terrific.

The exchange hotel, Collin, proprietor, suffered the worst. It adjoins the fruit stands. All the windows were blown out.

The new front recently put in Dr. Stricker's office, which is across the street, is gone. The door of the office of Dr. Soodfield, nearby, was taken off its hinges.

The front of Alex. Wright's jewelry store was smashed in by the flying debris and some of the jewelry scattered.

A conservative estimate of the damage done will be about \$3,000. This amount will cover all the losses from the explosion.

Dagos Rioting at Salona.

A Fight Between Foreign and American Laborers in the Quarries of the Bellefonte Limestone Co., at Salona, Result in the Mortal Wounding of One Man and the Stabbing of Another.

Four Italian laborers, employed at the quarries of the Bellefonte Limestone company, at Salona, went on the rampage Monday afternoon and attempted to annihilate all the Americans at the work.

The trouble started shortly after 1 o'clock, when the Italians appropriated to their use one of the trucks belonging to Newton Brungart, and refused to give it up.

The three powers accepted the guaranty offered by Mr. Bowen as entirely satisfactory. Then arose the question as to the interpretation of the term "All claims."

It is expected that an answer will arrive here tomorrow from Germany to the final representations made, and upon receipt of that answer the signing of the protocols probably will occur.

The capture. By 9:30 o'clock that evening all the Italians concerned in the outing and shooting affray at the Salona limestone quarries were safely lodged in jail.

The first capture. In the meantime the sheriff's party had been joined by the armed posse from Mill Hall and Salona, who stated that they had come up to one of the Italians who became separated from the others.

Germany ignores her agreements. Demands preferential treatment after relinquishing Rights to Demand—Bowen Cries, Shame—Allies Renounce Action. Blockade to be Raised in Few Hours.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Germany has ignored her previous agreement made with Mr. Bowen by Count Quadt, and has insisted on a cash payment of \$340,000 or a lien on the customs receipts of one of the Venezuelan ports until amount is paid.

When the crime was first discovered, it was thought that the couple had been murdered and then robbed, and the house blown up to hide the crime.

It seems that Grillo had a brother in Italy, and that they had quarreled, and had not spoken for a couple of years before he left there for America and his brother came to America less than a year ago, and the deadly feeling between the two men had been kept up.

Coroner Miller stated that Mrs. Grillo had been smothered to death by the debris and that Grillo, who, in addition to having his head crushed, had some ribs broken, had in all probability received his wounds by being blown against the side of the building by the explosion.

Both the British and Italian protocols provide for a cash payment of \$25,000, and for the submission of the question of preferential treatment to The Hague.

With the exception of the demand for an increased cash payment, the protocol of Germany in all essential respects will conform to that of Great Britain, but will be somewhat more concise.

Quietly Wedded at State College.

Early in the fall the residents of State College were started to learn that Miss Mabel Holmes was a victim of that dread disease—small-pox, with which she had probably become infected during a visit to Pittsburgh.

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Serious Explosion.

Explosion at a Colliery Operated by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company at Plymouth.

WILKESBARRE, Feb. 11.—A serious explosion occurred this afternoon at No. 11 colliery, operated by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company at Plymouth, four miles from this city.

The matrimonial market is dull. Very few marriage licenses are being issued these days.

Thirteen persons joined the Methodist Episcopal church on Sabbath morning. These, with the six who were taken into membership the week previous, attest to the efficiency of the meetings held by Dr. P. Shiner.

A new train has been put on the T and C., between Tyrone and Curwensville, on Sundays. It corresponds to the Sunday train on the Valley.

P. A. Sellers, one of the best known citizens and a life long resident of Patton township, is so critically ill with heart disease that his chances of recovery are most discouraging.

Cyrus Hall, of Phillipsburg, slipped on the ice on Saturday evening and broke his knee cap in three places.

James Smith, who essays the role of Weary Willie in Newell's comedy sensation, "A Jolly American Tramp," is a clever delineator of the genus hobo.

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Mrs. Sarah Evers, of Lemont, spent last Monday in our town.

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The Christian Endeavor society of the Buffalo Run Presbyterian church will hold a social at the home of Clyde Smeltzer, near Hunters Park, on next Thursday evening, February 19th.

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Hamilton-Romick.—A very auspicious and pleasant wedding was celebrated on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Catharine J. Hamilton.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Benjamin Cori, who is no better; Mrs. Hannah Miller, who is improving slowly; Andrew Glenn, whose injuries are no longer considered dangerous and Mrs. Elizabeth Lowrey who is very ill with catarrh of the stomach and pulmonary trouble.

On Saturday evening two back loads of jolly folks came over from State to spend the evening at the parsonage.

Dr. Van Tries, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday here enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. A. P. Mitchell, and greeting his friends of long ago.

Grace Barnhart is reported on the sick list. Wm. Close spent a day last week at Rock, visiting friends.

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The members of Shiloh church passed through town on Tuesday evening en route for the parsonage in Boalsburg to surprise their worthy pastor, Rev. J. I. Stonespher and wife, with a liberal donation.

The members of Lemont Lodge I. O. O. F. gathered in their hall with their families and friends to partake of the banquet last Friday evening.

The Odd Fellows' Banquet and Entertainment.—The twenty third entertainment and banquet of the Lemont lodge I. O. O. F. number 717 was held on last Friday evening in their spacious hall at Lemont.

The opening chorus was sung with a will. A recitation entitled "May Be I Guess Perhaps" by Mamie Grove, followed by a song by John Stover, entitled "Life's Railway."

Miss Helen Dreese was the next one on the program with a recitation entitled "Johnstown's Disaster." Miss Francis Woodring and Miss Helen Dreese were next heard in a dialogue which was very well rendered.

Next Tuesday is election day. The late snow has renewed the sleighing. For want of orders the Miller saw mill is at a stand still.

Miss Hannah Royer is transacting business among friends down at Zion.

The Kimpot sisters, of Boalsburg, enjoyed a morning drive to our town last Friday.

Gordon E. Harper, who has been laid up with a broken leg is able to be around the house again.

Squire Duck and wife, of Millheim, were guests at the Red Lion hotel at Rock Spring this week.

Bert Miller, one of Bellefonte's contract carpenters, was circulating among friends here on Monday.

Harry Markle is obliged to depend on crutches when he attempts to walk on account of a torn ligament.

Morris M. Smith, who is the Knight of the paint brush in McQuiston's carriage shops in Bellefonte, is home for election day.

Charley Martz, of Burnham, spent last week with his family here visiting and replenishing their supplies for the winter.

Rev. D. E. Hepler is absent from his flock this week. He is assisting Rev. Gitt who is conducting a protracted meeting at Arvona.

Clifford Close, of Oak Hall, bade his many friends adieu last week and boarded the train for Renova where he will engage as a moulder.

Ralph Stover and his best girl hid themselves off to Bellefonte on Monday. Now is the time to keep a sharp lookout for the license list.

George Harper is arranging to build a new barn next summer on his farm known as the old Isaac Harper home, which is one of the oldest places in the county.

Geo. W. Hoy who has been laid up from the effects of a bad cold is able to be around. George is the Democratic nominee for tax collector and is deserving of a good vote.

Miss Anna Musser came up from Bellefonte this week to attend to some business which required her attention. Just now she is thinking of renting her beautiful home on Main street.

William Rishel, one of College township's representative men as well as a straight out Democrat, Sunday with J. C. Miller, on Main street. He was accompanied by his wife and two bright little children.

Remember the festival in the new hall beginning on the 11th to continue all week. Refreshments of all sorts will be served and the whole affair is under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Lodge number 276.

Rev. Ralph Illingworth, in his usual eloquent manner filled the pulpit in the Presbyterian church here last Thursday evening. He had a full house and his many friends are glad to see him looking so well.

Mrs. D. G. Meek came up from her temporary home at State College on Tuesday to enjoy the day with her friends here. She has not fully recovered from the effects of the fall she had several weeks ago but is much better than she was.

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On Saturday evening two back loads of jolly folks came over from State to spend the evening at the parsonage. Rev. and Mrs. Aikens are so well known for their hospitality that it is needless to say the party had a good time. It was midnight when they took their departure for home and our quiet natives were wakened from their slumbers by a healthy college yell which showed their appreciation of the good time.

Dr. Van Tries, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday here enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. A. P. Mitchell, and greeting his friends of long ago. He was deeply interested in the meetings being held in the Presbyterian church and in the absence of the pastor was the leader. The doctor is of the old blue stock type and his religion is a part of his character. He recalled many reminiscences of half a century ago when he was here getting the foundation of his education and stumping his toes on our stony walks. Instead of being an M. D. he should have been a D. D., for he certainly is intent on church affairs.

Jonathan J. Tressler, who is the tenant on the old Boal farm at Boalsburg, recently gave us the opportunity of viewing the improvements that are now being made on the family mansion, one of the historic homesteads of the county. Theodore Boal, the present owner has a home in Denver, Colorado, and a chalet in France, but recently decided to restore the old family home as a country place. The contractors are now busily engaged on a large addition to the house which is already equipped with all the modern comforts and luxuries. The first floor of the new wing is to be fitted up as a ball room and drawing room while the second floor will be utilized for private suites. Both Mr. and Mrs. Boal are extremely fond of entertaining and as they have already had many guests at their home, it is supposed that they are preparing to entertain most extensively. Mr. Boal is not confining his improvements to his own place either, for he recently bought a site for a Catholic church at Boalsburg, and is going to present that sleepy old town with a public building. The first floor of which is to be used by the fire company which he equipped last summer, and the second floor is a public library and assembly room. Two of Mrs. Boal's aunts from France are now guests of the family.