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Democratic State Ticket.

For Judge of the Superior Court, WEBSTER GRIM, of Bucks County.

Democratic County Ticket.

For Congress:

W. HARRISON WALKER, of Bellefonte.

For Assembly:

J. CALVIN MEYER, of Bellefonte.

For Sheriff:

FRED F. SMITH, of Rush township.

For Register:

G. F. WEAVER, of Gregg township.

For Recorder:

F. PIERCE MÜSSER, of Millheim.

For Treasurer:

J. D. MILLER, of Walker township.

For County Commissioners:

C. A. WEAVER, of Penn township.

J. L. DUNLAP, of Spring township.

For Auditors:

J. W. BECK, of Marion township.

JOHN L. COLE, of Walker township.

For Coroners:

DR. P. S. FISHER, of Walker township.

He is a Farmer.

Under the caption "An Extensive Farmer" the Gazette last week tried to make capital out of the size of FRED SMITH'S farm in Rush township. It was a malicious, contemptible attempt to belittle a good man by saying that he has only 19 acres of land in his farm. What matters it if he has only one acre or really is a tenant farmer; that is his occupation all the same. The size of a man is not taken by his worldly possessions and it is next to a certainty that if FRED SMITH owned a farm of two hundred acres this same Gazette would be holding him up to the voters as already too well off to be asking anything at their hands. But with its characteristic untruthfulness it tries to make the public believe that Mr. SMITH'S farm is only a little farm from which I have been making a livelihood.

Phillipsburg, Pa. Oct. 19, 1908.

Editor DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN,

Dear Sir:

The labored and persistent attempts to find something to attack me on, since I have been a candidate for the high office of Sheriff, culminated in a most malicious lie in the Keystone Gazette last Friday. That paper sarcastically intimates that a man tilling only nineteen acres of land can not be regarded as a farmer and says that I own no more than that in Rush township. The editor of the Gazette knows that I have thirty-six acres and that, by hard work and care, I have succeeded in clearing off a little farm from which I have been making a livelihood.

The Gazette is guilty of deliberate lying when it says that I received \$700 as road master of Rush township. The books show that for the year 1906 I received \$130 and for 1907 I received \$125, making a total of \$255, instead of \$700, for my services.

Will you kindly refute this untruthful attack upon me.

Yours respectfully,

F. F. SMITH.

Thus you will see what a pitiable cause the Gazette must have when it has to resort to this kind of argumentation. It knows that Mr. HURLEY has not been a resident of Centre county long enough to be entitled to the high office of Sheriff. It knows that he is not the kind of a man who should be Sheriff, even if he had lived here longer. It knows that FRED SMITH was born and raised in Centre county and has worked his small farm in season and at hauling at other times, as so many small farmers do. It knows that he is an honorable, upright man. And, knowing all these things, it resorts to the most despicable means at its command to try to stem the tide that is running so strong for Mr. SMITH.

Yes, Mr. SMITH is a farmer, one of the kind the people of Centre county are proud of and his election would secure us a splendid Sheriff.

You wouldn't trust your business in incompetent hands. The business of the Recorder's office is your business. It is not the county's business. It is yours, because it deals directly with you and every legal document you have to have recorded you or your lawyer go to that office to have it done. You can't afford to take a chance on a mistake being made that might cost you the title to the very house you live in



GEORGE F. WEAVER.

The one-armed school teacher of Gregg township who seeks your support for the office of Register.



F. PIERCE MÜSSER.

Editor of the Millheim Journal and candidate for Recorder of Centre County. Vote for him because he is better equipped to fill the office than his opponent.

An Appeal to Decent Citizenship.

There is nothing in the history of Centre county to warrant the belief that her citizens are not of ordinary intelligence. In truth they are above the ordinary. The county is among the older ones in the State and for more than an hundred years she has held an enviable reputation for the culture and refinement of her sons and daughters. Centre county has contributed men to the public life of the State and Nation whose names will be perpetuated as long as public institutions and government lasts.

The time has come when all the counties of the State and all the States of the Union are awakening to the call and the crying need of better public men. For ours, the old men who brought prominence to us, have gone and unless we are careful we will soon lose even the prestige their illustrious works have given us.

The question that confronts us now is the one of doing the best we can to keep Centre county above the muck and mire of log-rolling, graft-seeking politicians. It is one of having our county represented in legislative halls by clean, able men whose lives will command respect and whose voices will compel attention. It is not a personal question, nor is it one of party. It is a question of sending men to Harrisburg whose character and ability are in keeping with what you would imagine the Representative from a district within which is located the State's only great institution of learning should be. A district whose citizenship has always been regarded as of the highest type. A district where schools and churches have been uplifting for more than a century.

In less than two weeks the voters of Centre county will be called upon to choose a Representative in Harrisburg. The choice must be one of the two men named by the two great parties. We can scarcely say that, either, for we firmly believe, and the facts justify the belief, that the better element of the Republican party is not responsible for the nomination of their candidate. On the one side stands J. C. MEYER, a lawyer of ability, an orator of pleasing address and a man whose life will bear the closest scrutiny. On the other side stands R. B. TAYLOR, a man without a scintilla of qualification. If he possessed a single characteristic to recommend him, in all honor, we would mention it here, because he is so utterly unfitted for the office that we would be glad if there were some one thing to explain why any reasonable man should advocate his candidacy. Understand that this is said without the slightest malice, because, personally, our relations with Mr. TAYLOR have always been friendly and we hope they always will be. But we feel it our duty to try to persuade the voters of Centre county to save themselves the humiliation of sending a man to Harrisburg who has no conception of the honor of the office and no equipment to fill it if he had.

We might fill columns of this paper with truthful stories of Mr. TAYLOR'S doings and words that would sound to you so impossible and preposterous that you could scarcely give them credence; yet if you were to come to Bellefonte, even for a day, you could learn enough from any disinterested source to convince you that most anything we would say would not be saying enough. But the object of this article is not to parade Mr. TAYLOR'S life before the public but to appeal to the decent citizenship of the county to conserve that decency.

We fear that there are many who won't comprehend the danger, many who think his chances of election so remote that they won't arouse themselves to prevent it. So let us warn you that there is danger. The WATCHMAN was the only paper in Centre county that predicted his nomination and maintained throughout the spring primary contest that he would not be beaten. Mark you! We said "would not." He could have been but the very reason he was not is the reason that sounds the warning now. The class that attaches itself to Mr. TAYLOR is the class that stops at nothing in politics. It works while the innocent souls who talk of purity and honor in public life are forgetting even to go to the polls. His class is the class that when the roll is called by the watcher on election day every name is marked present or voted. This is the class that won the nomination for him and this is the class that will win the election for him unless the other class is up and doing.

Do you want to vote for PENROSE for the United States Senate when you know what you do about his gang and the State capitol? If you do vote for Mr. TAYLOR, because he will not deny that he intends voting for PENROSE and his friends are boasting that PENROSE money is to come in to carry the county for him.

Do you want to vote for a man who is neither Republican nor Democrat and always anything that has the most in it for himself? If you do, vote for Mr. TAYLOR.

You don't want to do this, however, so why ask the question more? You want to vote for Mr. MEYER. Your conscience tells you it is your duty to do so and if you are an honorable man you will follow the dictates of your conscience.

Of course you have heard stories about Mr. MEYER, and because we are honest and sincere in this matter and want you to understand that we are not trying to deceive any one we do not hesitate to ask you: Were they not about investments in which some people lost money? We know all of them, but what have they to do with his fitness for the Legislature. Mr. MEYER merely had faith in some business enterprises and thought he was doing his friends a kindness when he advised them to invest. He profited nothing through any of them and probably lost more than any of his friends. It was not his fault that the mines at Joplin, Mo., that had run wonderfully rich ores for months should turn so lean as to be unprofitable. He merely did what honest men are doing every day. Upon the advice of friends others put thousands of dollars into the old Bellefonte Gas and Steam works, into the glass factories, into the furnaces, into the lock works, into other industries right here at our very doors, all of which failed, yet there was no one in particular to censure. Then why censure Mr. MEYER for something that he had absolutely no personal way of preventing.

Even if you do censure him, again we insist that that has nothing to do with your duty in November. He starts out prominently the superior man to Mr. TAYLOR, wonderfully well fitted for the duties of a Legislator and so constituted that his ambition would be above being the creature of such a boss as PENROSE.

Won't you do something? Won't you talk to your honorable neighbor about this question? Won't you work from now to election day to send the better man to represent you in Harrisburg?

yet you take that chance if you vote for BROWN. Already his friends realizing that he is not competent to run the office are explaining that he can hire a man to do it. This is the most pitiable acknowledgment that we have ever heard in a contest for county officers. Of course he would have to hire a man to do it but what would be the responsibility of a clerk and especially when his chief knew nothing about the work himself. No, no, Centre county can stand for none of this when it comes to keeping her own records and she will put F. PIERCE MÜSSER in that office, a man who has the education and training to make one of the best Recorders she has ever had.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

STROHECKER.—Samuel Strohecker, who died in the Bellefonte hospital on Thursday afternoon of last week, was one of the best known men of Miles township. As stated in last week's WATCHMAN, he came to Bellefonte on Thursday, October 8th, to attend the Centre county fair. While on the fair grounds he was taken sick and, though he wished to be taken home, the doctors advised him to go to the hospital which he did. It soon developed that he was a very sick man with double bronchial pneumonia and though everything possible was done he lived just one week.

Deceased was a native of Miles township and was sixty three years and six days old. He followed farming during his earlier life but a number of years ago retired, sold his farm and purchased a home in Rebersburg where he has lived since; devoting his time to various light occupations. He was a member of the Lutheran church and a consistent christian gentleman. In politics he was a Democrat and always a staunch supporter of his party and its principles.

On Thursday morning he realized that death was near and had the physicians send for Squire W. J. Karlin to come to Bellefonte and write his will but he died before that gentleman reached here. He came to Bellefonte, however, and took charge of the remains, accompanying them to his late home in Rebersburg Friday morning. Deceased had no children and is survived only by his wife.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon and was very largely attended. Rev. H. C. Bixler, the deceased's pastor, had charge of the services and he was assisted by Revs. Wetzel, Snyder and Dubbs. Interment was made in the Rebersburg cemetery.

GARNER.—Miss Ella Garner died at her home at State College on Tuesday morning. She had been sick for three years or more and during that time underwent an operation in the Bellefonte hospital and one in the Allegheny hospital, which, however, did not result in her recovery. Ill as she was she bore her suffering with remarkable patience and fortitude and was always cheerful and even hopeful of recovery up until the day preceding her death. Her sunny nature and lovable disposition were not only emblematic of her true christian character but an inspiration to all with whom she was thrown in contact to a nobler and better life. And even though her death is a source of deepest sorrow to her family and friends they can find consolation in the fact that she has simply been called up higher—her spirit gone to the God who gave it.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Garner and was born and raised in College township. Her mother died some years ago and surviving her are her father, two brothers, John and Edward, and two sisters, Miss Margaret, head nurse at the Bellefonte hospital, and Miss Susan, of State College. The funeral was held at ten o'clock yesterday morning. Rev. C. W. Snavely, of the Methodist church, and Rev. A. A. Black, of the Reformed church, Boalsburg, officiated at the services. Interment was made in the Pine Hill cemetery.

BUCHER.—Judge Joseph C. Bucher, of Lewisburg, who for twenty years was judge of the Snyder—Union counties judicial district, died last Saturday night after two week's illness. He was aged seventy-two years and was quite well known in Centre county as he frequently presided over the courts in this place. He was admitted to the bar in 1858 and was elected to the bench in 1870. He served two terms and was defeated for his third term in 1890 by Judge McClure. In 1894 he was nominated by the Democrats for Congressman-at-Large but declined on the plea of professional business. Since his retirement from the bench he has been attorney for the Pennsylvania railroad company in Union county. He is survived by three sons and one daughter. A number of the members of the Centre county bar attended the funeral which was held on Wednesday afternoon.

MATTERS.—Mrs. Sarah Martin Matters, well known to many residents of Buffalo Run valley, died at her home in Philadelphia last Thursday afternoon. She was a daughter of Daniel and Eliza Martin and a descendant of the well known Gray family, of this county. The remains were taken to Martinsburg, Blair county, where the funeral was held on Sunday.

Mrs. Matters for years before her last illness had been very closely associated with the charity work of Philadelphia, her time being mostly spent in the interest of the soldier's and sailor's home in that city. She also was recognized as one of the workers among the Chinamen of her district.

BEACH.—Miss Fannie Beach, a niece of Rev. R. Crittenden and who has frequently visited in Bellefonte, died at the home of her uncle, R. J. Stone, of Bradford, last Saturday. She will be remembered by many people of Bellefonte as a very charming and lovable woman. The funeral was held on Tuesday the remains being taken to Moutrose, Pa., the home of her birth, for burial.

KYLE.—Mrs. Hugh Kyle died at the home of her son Andrew, at Charter Oak, Huntingdon county, on Sunday, of paralysis. She was about seventy-eight years old and is survived by two daughters and four sons, one of the latter being Henry Kyle, of Gatesburg. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, interment being made at Mooresville.

BRADLEY.—The announcement of the death of Benjamin Bradley on Monday evening was quite a shock to the many friends who had seen him around as usual that morning. Mr. Bradley had the contract for repairing St. John's Episcopal church and went to work Monday morning at the usual time, though during the forenoon he complained of a pain in the chest. At noontime he ate a hearty dinner, then laid down on the couch to take a rest. About four o'clock he became violently ill and before the family could summon a physician he was dead. Acute indigestion was undoubtedly the cause.

Deceased was born in Gloucestershire, England, February 8th, 1840, hence was 68 years, 8 months and 11 days old. He with his wife came to America thirty-five years ago and came direct to Bellefonte, making this their home ever since. He was a carpenter by trade and from working at his profession by the day he became a contractor and for years has been regarded as one of Bellefonte's leading contractors and master carpenters. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal church and a man of the highest integrity and character. He knew most every man, woman and child in Bellefonte and numbered each and all as his friend.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. George P. Bible, of Philadelphia; Mrs. J. A. Riley, of Bradford; John W. and Benjamin, of Philadelphia; Robert T., of Bradford, and Miss Mary, at home. Rev. John Hewitt officiated at the funeral which was held at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, interment being made in the Union cemetery.

HENDRICKS.—By a fall of clay in the mines of the Eagle brick works, near Flemington, on October 10th, David Hendricks, of Mill Hall, was so badly injured that he died shortly afterwards. He was born in Beech Creek township, Clinton county, and was 68 years, 4 months and 3 days old. Surviving him are his widow and eight children, four sons and four daughters, as follows: William, near the Eagle brick works; Joseph, of Castanea; Antioch, near the Eagle brick yard; Mrs. Eva Lakner, near Eagle brick works; Misses Emma, May, Eleanor and Robert, at home; also four grandchildren, the oldest thirty-eight years and the youngest ten years. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Mary Taborsdale, of Clearfield; Sarah Bones, of Beech Creek; James, of Sebula; Harry, of DuBois; Frank, of Pittsburg; Auston, of Hicks Run; William, of Hicks Run; George, of Eagleville; Mrs. Laura Eekert, of State College; Mrs. David Kunes, of Eagleville. He served a term in the Civil war and was a member of the G. A. R. of Blanchard. Rev. M. C. Frick of Mill Hall, conducted the services at the funeral which was held on October 13th, interment being made in the Cedar Hill cemetery.

TAYLOR.—Thomas Taylor, one of the best known colored residents of Bellefonte, died on Thursday morning of last week at his home on Penn Street. He had been sick for some time and several months ago underwent an operation in the Bellefonte hospital without affording him any relief. Deceased was born in Saltsburg, Indiana county, and was almost seventy years of age. During the first two years of the Civil war he served as body servant to General Gallagher. In the fall of 1863 he enlisted as a private in company D, Second United States colored infantry, and served until the close of the war. He came to Bellefonte shortly after the war and lived here the balance of his life. His wife is his only survivor. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon, interment being made in the Union cemetery.

MILLER.—After an illness of ten days Cyrus Miller died at the home of his brother, J. H. Miller, at Rock Springs, on Sunday morning. He was 62 years, 2 months and 7 days old and is survived by his aged mother and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. R. M. Wolfe, of Woodward; Mrs. J. W. Keller, Linden Hall; Mrs. J. H. Williams, Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. J. B. Crawford, Freeport, Ill.; John H., Rock Springs; Howard, of Rebersburg; Charles, of Williams, Iowa; James, of Lena, Ill., and Robert, of Freeport, Ill. The funeral was held on Tuesday, burial being made at Graysville.

STOVER.—Miss Tammie A. Stover, a daughter of John Y. Stover, of Wolf's Store, died on Thursday of last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Wantz, of Woodward, where she had been staying the past six weeks. Heart disease was the cause of her death. She was thirty six years old and is survived by her parents, four brothers and five sisters. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, interment being made in the cemetery at Wolf's chapel.

MÜSSER.—Margaret Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Musser, of Millheim, died on Saturday night of indigestion. She was aged 10 years, 5 months and 11 days. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, interment being made in the Union cemetery, at Millheim.

HOLLOBAUGH.—Mr. and Mrs. George Hollobaugh, of Coleville, are mourning the death of their eight weeks old baby boy, Louis, who died on Friday morning. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, interment being made in the Union cemetery.

—Only a little over three weeks yet until the opening of the deer season, and hunters of that fleet-footed animal are becoming quite nervous.

Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE.—The fall conference of the Fourth district, Pennsylvania Y. M. C. A., which includes associations in Centre, Clinton, Lycoming, Potter, Tioga and portions of Clearfield, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour and Columbia counties, convened in this place last Friday evening with about fifty delegates present. They were entertained at a banquet in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at six o'clock that evening.

Following the banquet James R. Hughes took charge of the meeting. In a brief talk he told of the importance of the gathering and closed by reading a letter of regret from Gen. James A. Beaver, who was attending Presbyterian Synod at Butler, and could not be present. The subject discussed at Friday evening's meeting was "Responsibility," a half dozen or more delegates making brief talks. The final speech of the evening was by John A. Eby, state secretary of religious work.

A short session of the conference was held in the United Brethren church on Saturday morning and at 10.15 o'clock the delegates and a number of members of the Bellefonte association went on the train to State College. There they were met by a large delegation of the college Y. M. C. A. and escorted to the main building where they spent a short time inspecting the college. At twelve o'clock the visitors were entertained at luncheon by Dr. and Mrs. Sparks at the president's residence. At 1.30 o'clock a meeting was held in the auditorium which was addressed by Prof. F. H. Green, of the West Chester Normal school. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in sight-seeing and watching the State—Geneva football game.

The delegation was scheduled to leave the College at 5.30 o'clock but owing to the wreck on the Bellefonte Central and the necessity of taking another train to the College it was almost seven o'clock before they got away from there and 7.45 when they arrived in Bellefonte. Notwithstanding the lateness of the hour the meeting arranged for the Methodist church that evening was held though the stereopticon exhibition was cut out and the entire time was given over to the address of Dr. Edwin Erle Sparks. That gentleman took for his theme the "Call of Duty," and his address was a most interesting one throughout.

At nine o'clock Sunday morning there was a quiet hour service at the Y. M. C. A. rooms and later a number of the delegates spoke in the various churches of Bellefonte. In the afternoon a men's mass meeting was held in the court house which was attended by just two hundred and thirty-five persons. One of the features of the meeting was the singing by a male quartette from State College. The farewell meeting was held in the Presbyterian church in the evening. All in all it was a most successful conference.

BOWLES—BIBLE.—An early morning wedding yesterday was that of Dr. Crawford M. Bowles, of Altoona, and Miss Elsie M. Bible, of this place, who were married at six o'clock in the morning in the Methodist Episcopal church by Rev. James B. Stein, pastor. The bride is a daughter of W. W. Bible, of east Bishop street, and for some time has been a stenographer in the office of Clement Dale E. q. The bridegroom is a son of Prof. J. B. Bowles, principal of the Eighth ward public schools in Altoona. He is one of the prominent young dentists of that city, where the young couple will make their home after their return from a wedding trip to New York, Boston, Washington and Baltimore.

GALLAGHER—LYONS.—Clarence Gallagher and Miss Helen Lyons were quietly married at the Catholic parsonage, at 7.30 o'clock Wednesday evening. Rev. Father McArdle officiating. The young couple thought to steal a march on their friends by having the ceremony performed and getting out of town on the evening train for a brief wedding trip but in this they were mistaken, and they were escorted to the train by a very jubilant bunch of friends. The bride for some time past has been head waitress at the Brockerhoff home while the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gallagher, and both have many friends.

JUVENILE COURT IN SESSION.—For the second time since the juvenile court was created in Centre county a session was held on Monday to dispose of the case against Raphael Rairdon and Thompson Spangler, two young boys of Blanchard, arrested on the charge of larceny. For some time past the boys have been somewhat of a pest in Blanchard by riding freight trains and throwing lumps of coal at people they would pass and through windows of houses. They always managed to elude the railroad officers but on Friday last Rairdon was arrested and brought to Bellefonte by deputy sheriff Fred Reese. Spangler was arrested and brought to Bellefonte on Monday morning and both boys were given a hearing the same afternoon. The evidence against them was so conclusive that the court decreed that the best place for them was in a reform school. On Wednesday sheriff Kline took Spangler to the industrial reform school for boys at Glenn Mills, Delaware county, while Rairdon will be taken to a school in New York State. The latter boy, by the way, was the youngest who acted as mascot for the Howard base ball club during the season just closed.

Lew Wallace is building an addition to his home on Curtin street which will include on the first floor a kitchen and pantry with a large porch and on the second floor a bed room and bath room. It is being built of brick with the intention ultimately of casing the entire house.