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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 MUSSEY, of Millheim.

For Treasurer: J. D. MILLER, of Walker township.

For County Commissioners: C. A. WEAVER, of Penn township.

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For Auditors: J. W. BECK, of Marion township.

JOHN L. COLE, of Walker township.

For Coroner: DR. P. S. FISHER, of Walker township.

Well Knows Republican Business Men Speak for Meyer.

As the WATCHMAN fairly and frankly said last week the only opposition that is found to the candidacy of J. C. MEYER for the Legislature, is founded on unwarranted and malicious stories implying that he willfully led people into making bad investments.

While the purveyors of these stories knew better than to add that Mr. MEYER had done it for personal gain, they were necessarily not honest enough to say that he had not, consequently there is no mistaking their desire to have the public believe that Mr. MEYER inveigled people into rotten business enterprises so that he could profit himself by their investments.

This paper told you the truth about the transactions last week, but possibly our statement was not as convincing as it might have been and in order that every vestige of doubt may be removed, we take pleasure in publishing the following letter from two of Bellefonte's most prominent business men.

Mr. CRIDER is head of the firm of P. B. CRIDER and Son, well known lumbermen.

Mr. THOMAS is superintendent of the Bellefonte Central R. R. Both are Republicans, but the kind of Republicans who will not permit a man to be traduced when they know he is innocent. Read their statement.

PENNSYLVANIA DEVELOPMENT CO.

GENERAL OFFICE: BELLEFONTE, PENNSYLVANIA. BELLEFONTE, PA. OCT. 28, '08.

To Whom It May Concern:

Injurious stories have been circulated for political effect during the closing days of the present campaign, seriously reflecting upon the integrity of Mr. J. C. MEYER, one of the candidates for Assembly, in connection with a business transaction between the Penna. Development company and Mr. Wm. DECKER, of Walker township.

The stories have been circulated, as we have been informed, for political influence and effect, by persons personally interested in the defeat of Mr. MEYER for Assembly and not by the friends of Mr. DECKER, and we regret to say that it is not only injurious to Mr. MEYER politically but professionally, as well, which is unjust.

For the benefit of the general public, whom we believe want the truth, we desire to say that from our personal knowledge of Mr. MEYER's part of the management of the Penna. Development company and in the said transaction with Mr. DECKER, he dealt fairly and manfully, even to making him self personally responsible to the company for Mr. DECKER's liability.

We do not belong to Mr. MEYER's political party and there is no politics in this statement, but it is only fair and just to Mr. MEYER that the public know the truth. This statement is made voluntarily and without any solicitation from Mr. MEYER.

F. W. CRIDER, F. H. THOMAS, Members of Board Directors.

—Harry May, a young boy who has made his home the past summer with the J. E. McWilliams family at Fairbrook, disappeared early on Tuesday morning and so far all efforts to discover his whereabouts have proven futile. The lad is about ten years old and when he left the McWilliams home was dressed in overalls. Any information which will lead to the discovery of his whereabouts will be gladly received by Mr. McWilliams.

A Few Answers.

In closing the campaign we find that a few answers are necessary to set the cause of honest and competent men squarely before the public.

Some weeks ago the Keystone Gazette charged that FRED F. SMITH, our candidate for Sheriff, had drawn \$700.00 from the taxpayers of Rush township, as salary as road-master for two years. Mr. SMITH manfully answered the charge in a signed letter last week. But not content with its attempt to deceive and garble the Gazette this week reiterates its charge against Mr. SMITH and publishes the itemized accounts of his receipts showing that they were \$708.00 for the two years of 1906 and 1907. With its characteristic disinclination to be fair the Gazette would have you believe that Mr. SMITH received that amount for his services. In truth, and the same records from which the Gazette gets its statement prove, Mr. SMITH received only \$255.00 for the two years as road-master. The balance was paid for his team which the township used and in wages to his son who worked on the roads. While there is no charge that any of the money was taken without ample service rendered it is the Gazette's malicious attempt to make it appear that all of this money was paid Mr. SMITH as salary for being road-master that we want to call to the attention of the honest voter who believes in being fair and square in all things.

The Gazette this week charges that the article published in this paper last week under the heading "An Appeal to Decent Citizenship" was written by J. C. MEYER, our nominee for Legislature. What if it was. Every word in it was true and because it was so true and convincing it worried Mr. TAYLOR into exploding again and in his explosion he informs the people of Centre county that "all hell won't keep me from being elected," but Mr. MEYER did not write it, didn't know anything about it until it was in type and the proof to the contrary that BERT TAYLOR says he has in his inside pocket is as big a fake as he is himself. All the boob about the Joplin Zinc stock is answered effectually by the open letter which Messrs. CRIDER and THOMAS publish in this issue of this paper. Read that and you will know what honest Republicans who are not warped by partisanship nor desire for graft have to say about these much talked of stock transactions.

For weeks stories have been coming to us that certain parties have been using the name of Judge ELLIS L. ORVIS in an attempt to rally support to TAYLOR. Judge ORVIS was said to desire Mr. MEYER's defeat and workers were urged on that account to turn out for TAYLOR. If these stories are true and the name of our Judge has been dragged into this fight we want to tell you right here that NO ONE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO USE HIS NAME.

On Wednesday night of this week we called on Judge ORVIS and during the course of a personal interview he assured us that he had given no one authority to use his name in connection with any candidate or any office. Personally he is for Mr. MEYER, but because of his position is taking no part in the campaign and seemed to regret exceedingly that anyone should undertake to bandy with his name in an attempt to get votes.

A Plain Talk With Democrats.

Next Tuesday will be election day and it is the duty of every man to go to the polls and vote. We want to talk to Democrats in particular, because theirs is a peculiar position in Centre county. It being a national contest party lines will probably be very closely drawn on the national ticket, except where, here and there, a voter has conscientious scruples against one or the other of the two nominees, but on the county ticket it will be different, because hundreds of the better element of the Republican party do not endorse certain of the nominees, who are on their ticket, and intend voting for the Democrats whom they regard as the better men for the office they seek.

Your duty is plain. When Republicans honor you by helping you to elect your ticket can you afford to be a derelict. Make your plans now to save the county the disgrace of being represented in Harrisburg by a man utterly unfit for the office. Make your plans to go to the election and to get some one else to go with you. Work like old time Democrats used to work. Don't expect to be paid for everything you do and if you have a buggy or spring wagon help haul the voters to the polls.

If you have held office remember that some one else worked for you when you needed workers. If you have ambition to hold office remember that you will expect some one to help you when you run.

Don't be soured-balled if the chairman of your precinct don't suit you. He is not the issue. Don't be cold because some one else in your precinct is getting a little more glory than you are; there is plenty of glory for everyone who earns it. Work! work from seven in the morning of election day until seven in the evening, and our word for it, you will see the greatest victory for decent citizenship and competent officials in Centre county that you have ever seen, and, best of all, you will have done your duty.

Lest We Forget.

At the time the present post master of Bellefonte was appointed there seemed to be very general dissatisfaction among the people of Bellefonte and vicinity. Whether it was PENROSE or BARCLAY who made the appointment we do not know. The latter denies having had anything to do with it and the former, we presume, don't care. However that may be, Congressman BARCLAY was the man on the job and if he didn't know of it it was his business to know and if he didn't know anything about so important a matter it is reasonable certain that he doesn't know about anything else pertaining to his duties as our Representative in Congress.

The people of Bellefonte and vicinity now have an opportunity of showing Congressman BARCLAY what they think of his action. That opportunity is presented to them in the candidacy of W. HARRISON WALKER to represent them in Congress. A vote for Mr. WALKER for Congress will not only be a vote to secure you an able and earnest Representative but an expression of your feeling in the Bellefonte post-office disappointment.

Elect Walker to Congress.

There is probably not one candidate for whom the voters of Centre county will be called upon to cast their ballots at the election next Tuesday who has put up a more valiant fight against apparently overwhelming odds than just W. HARRISON WALKER, Esq., of this place, candidate for Congress. With a four thousand Republican majority to contend with Mr. WALKER went into the contest and so determined and aggressive has been his fight that his chances of success look very bright. In fact his supporters in Clearfield county declare he will carry that county, which two years ago gave Mr. BARCLAY over seventeen hundred majority. There is no denying the fact that there has been a wonderful change of sentiment in that section of the district and only the election will show how far-reaching it is.

Centre county also wants to do her part in helping to elect him. It is only right that Centre county voters irrespective of party should support their home candidate; and especially when that gentleman is as well qualified, if not better, than the candidate away from home. And then there is another point, and that is that it is about time the balance of this congressional district be given to understand that Centre county should have a say in the election of our Representative in Congress. Centre county has not had a Representative in Congress since the revered Andrew G. Curtin retired in March, 1887, after having served two terms. This year there is every chance of securing the Congressman if the voters of the county support Mr. WALKER, as they should do, and this is one reason why we ask you to vote for him.

In addition he is a young lawyer who has already proved his worth and ability on more than one occasion. He has the push and energy to make an able Representative. With him in Washington his constituents throughout the district would be assured of a prompt hearing on any question they might have occasion to submit to him. He would be nobody's tool or stool pigeon and would do what he believed to be right and for the best interests of the people he represented with all fearlessness. Therefore, our word for it, you won't make a mistake by voting for W. HARRISON WALKER for Congress.

Remember the Tail-enders.

The experience of past elections constrains us to call attention to a matter that many voters seem to overlook. Those who vote a straight ticket, using merely the square opposite the party name on the left or first column on the ballot, are not interested. But there are many voters who do not use the party square where one X mark votes the entire ticket. Some want to out, others merely want to mark in the squares opposite their favorite candidates. In many instances the voters marking in the squares neglect to do the whole job and fall entirely to vote for the tailenders on the ticket such as coroner and auditor. The thought probably dominant in the voter's mind is that the offices are not important and it doesn't matter much. They are important and it does matter. Dr. FISHER has been a good coroner and deserves your vote. Messrs. BECK and COLE will make good auditors and want your vote. They are just as anxious to be elected as anybody on the ticket and don't any of you forget to vote for them.

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Brown vs. Musser.

Do you own a little home; have you a valuable farm, timberland, or any kind of real estate; or, do you have an interest in any? Do you ever loan money; or, do you invest your money on real estate?

Thousands of people in Centre county have every dollar, in this world, invested in this way because land and first mortgages are considered the best and securest investment that can be made.

We earnestly solicit the serious attention of all such to an important matter that confronts them at this time, and of which the public generally is not aware.

In the last Superior Court Reports, issued during this month, October 9th and 16th, 1908, two cases are cited where parties holding mortgages suffered large losses through the incompetency and poor penmanship of a bungling Recorder. These Reports can be found in the law offices of any attorney in Bellefonte and are accessible to any one who cares to look into the question; and we urge every one to do so—investigate fully:

In the case of Prouty vs. Marshall, page 527, the Recorder through faulty penmanship wrote the initial "S" on a signature where he should have written "L." This error created a confusion of names and resulted in a large financial loss, because a purchaser of the land on which the mortgages were placed later discovered he had to pay \$1,375 additional entered against it. This case came from Clearfield county.

In the case of Commonwealth vs. Donnelly, page 619, a mortgage was entered for \$945.57, but a careless Recorder indexed it improperly. Later, upon examination, the index showing no incumbencies against the property (owing to the mistake) a second party innocently invested a large sum of money on the same property and lost his entire claim. The error was discovered twelve years later, and the statute of limitations alone saved the Recorder's bondsmen, who are liable only for a period of seven years.

Scores and scores of similar cases are found in the court reports. When you stop to think that thousands upon thousands of dollars in this county depend entirely for their security on the accuracy of the records, as kept by the Recorder of Deeds, do you not grasp the great responsibility of this office? In the same department also are kept the surveys on every foot of land in Centre county, with the innumerable transfers for over a century to the present time; errors can cause, and have caused, confusion, endless litigation and great financial loss.

Next Tuesday is the date set when the electors of this county will choose a new Recorder, hence it is time to sit up and take notice. Therefore we deem it just and proper, at this time, in a fair and frank manner to consider the qualifications of the two candidates.

The Democratic nominee, F. Pierce Musser, of Millheim, is the editor of the Journal at that place. He has a good education, is an expert penman and accountant, for a number of years very efficiently has acted as Justice of the Peace at Millheim, where by virtue of his office he came in touch with this very line of work—the writing of deeds and mortgages and the transfers of real estate. He is a man of mature years and sound judgment, accurate and methodical—and in all respects he is eminently qualified to fill the office to the advantage of all who may have occasion to transact their most important business there.

If you are in doubt or hesitate on this issue, we appeal to you to investigate. If you have an attorney, go to him frankly and ask if we have not stated the facts, plainly and fairly. The financial and property interests of Centre county are too great to entrust them to an official who is incompetent to discharge his duties. With such an official in charge confusing the records, bungling up the indexes, without a knowledge of correct use of words, how do you know that when you buy property—as shown above—you may later wake up to find that an unknown mortgage is plastered all over it?

How do you know that in lending money, for the same reason, you might find a prior mortgage that renders your investment worthless?

As we have cited, the court records are filled with such instances. Can the citizens of Centre county, therefore, afford to take the risk?

The warning is timely—it remains for them to decide.

Private Wire for Election Returns.

A private wire and telephone has been placed in the WATCHMAN office by the Pennsylvania Telephone company and on election night a special operator will be on duty here receiving the full election returns. These returns will not only include the vote in the county, but in the State and on the national ticket. The telephone company have made arrangements to cover the election all over the United States as well as locally, and claim they will be able to give quicker and more reliable service than any telegraph company. Therefore if you want to get the election returns promptly on election night you are invited to come to the WATCHMAN office for them.

What It Awful.

The Philadelphia North American, a prominent Republican paper of the country, has been publishing a series of articles on the useful Congressmen of Pennsylvania. On last Friday it published the career of our distinguished (?) Mr. BARCLAY in the House. This is what it said: CHARLES FREDERICK BARCLAY, of the Twenty-first District, has thus far shown little in Congress but a most impressive pair of side whiskers. The whiskers alone, however, have made him prominent.

Lord! If this is true we might as well have a billy-goat in Congress. Vote for WALKER.

—If you endorse all the rottenness that you know has existed at Harrisburg vote for TAYLOR. He stands for that gang.

Fred Smith for Sheriff.

For the benefit of those who have not personally met Mr. FRED SMITH, candidate for Sheriff of Centre county, we take a last opportunity of saying that he is a splendid christian man. We say this because we know it to be true and because we feel that every voter ought to know it. He owns and works a little farm of twenty-nine acres in Rush township, where he has made his living since boyhood; farming in summer and doing hauling in the winter months. He is a man of fine physique, upright in character and of that temper that realizes the grave duties that befall a sheriff to perform.

Mr. SMITH is an active member of the Episcopal church of Phillipsburg and would bring into the Sheriff's office an administration for good. His character, his fitness have never been questioned and his claim to the office is certainly greater than that of his opponent who has been a resident of the county only a short time and who has no property interest, whatever, to make him personally interested in the affairs of the county.

We have nothing to say of Mr. HURLEY's character. We have only hearsay that it is not of the best and because it is only hearsay we refrain from publishing the stories that have been carried to us concerning him.

However that may all be, the fact still remains that Mr. SMITH is vouched for. He has spent a life time among the people of the county and has lived an honorable life that commands the respect of his neighbors and should prompt you to vote for him for Sheriff.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

ERB.—Joseph B. Erb, a former resident of Centre county, died at his home in Kane last Saturday. A month or so ago he started out on a trip which included a visit to his old home at Pine Grove Mills and at that time was in good health. Returning home about ten days ago he was taken sick and died quite suddenly.

Deceased was born in Lancaster county and was eighty-four years of age. He came to Centre county when a boy and located at Pine Grove Mills. While there he engaged in various enterprises, among which was the milling and foundry business. Thirty-four years ago he left Centre county and moved to Tionesta, Forest county, where he engaged in the lumbering business. His life since then has been spent in that section of the State, though of late he has made his home with his son at Kane. He was a charter member of the Pennsylvania lodge I. O. F., and a man who stood high in the estimation of all who knew him.

He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hoover, of Ferguson township, who died thirty-five years ago. Three children survive him, as follows: Harry, of Kane; Grant, of Texas, and Flora, of Salt Lake City. One brother, Jacob Erb, of Wisconsin, and a sister, Mrs. Sophia Mothers, of Lykens, this State, also survive. The remains were taken to Pine Grove Mills on Tuesday afternoon where interment was made in the new cemetery.

DECKER.—The death of Michael J. Decker at his home near Centre Hall, on Tuesday evening of last week, was quite sudden and unexpected and naturally quite a shock to his many friends. Though he had not been in the best of health for some time his illness did not assume a serious form until a few days prior to his death.

Deceased was born in Georges valley sixty-five years ago and lived in that section of the county until about fifteen years ago when he purchased a farm in Potter township, moved there and had made that his home since. He was a hard-working, conscientious citizen and was held in high esteem by his friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Decker died about eight years ago but surviving the deceased are six children, as follows: Mrs. J. R. Bible, of Phoenixville; Mrs. W. O. Rearick, of Milroy; Frank W., of Centre Hall; Mrs. Hiram Lee, of Phoenixville; James L., of Centre Hall, and Maurice J., of Philadelphia. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Margaret McNeal, of Chicago, Ill.

He was a member of the Methodist church and Rev. J. Max Lantz officiated at the funeral which was held at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning. Interment was made at Spruce town.

GARLAND.—Mrs. William Garland died very suddenly at her home at Sandy Ridge on Thursday evening of last week. She had been around during the day, attending to her household duties as usual, and about four o'clock she was taken seriously ill, dying two hours later.

Deceased, who was formerly Miss Tippery, was thirty-eight years of age. She was a lady with a large circle of friends and her death is sincerely mourned by all. In addition to her husband she is survived by one son, Ralph, and a daughter, Margaret, both at home. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, interment being made at Phillipsburg.

COX.—Francis Marian Cox died at his home at Crossville, in Spring township, last Saturday, of tuberculosis. He had been an invalid for the past eight years, being so badly afflicted with locomotor ataxia that he was perfectly helpless. About a year ago he contracted tuberculosis which finally resulted in his death.

He was born in Boggs township and was 43 years, 11 months and 9 days old. When a young man he was employed in the office of the Bellefonte Republican and Daily News. He was married and is survived by a wife and eight children. The funeral was held on Monday, burial being made in the Sunny-side cemetery.

THOMPSON.—John David Thompson died at his home at Howard at eleven o'clock on Monday night. He had not enjoyed good health for a third of a century and of late years was so much of an invalid that he was not able to be around or even help himself in any way.

He was born in Howard township November 2nd, 1837, hence was almost seventy-one years of age. He was a farmer by occupation and all his life was spent in Howard and Liberty townships until about fifteen years ago when he retired and with his family took up his residence in Howard. He was an upright, honest citizen and his death is deeply deplored by his many friends.

His wife died a number of years ago but surviving him are the following children: John A., of Tyrone; Mrs. Rachael Confer, Daniel, Parker, W. H., Mrs. Cora Walizer and David H., all of Howard. He also leaves one brother, Henry Thompson, of Liberty township, and two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Neff, of Howard, and Mrs. Rebecca Sayers, of Jacksonville. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, interment being made in the Howard cemetery.

WEAVER.—Israel Weaver, one of Aaronsburg's oldest and most respected citizens, died last Saturday night of pneumonia, after only a brief illness. He was eighty-seven years of age and had lived in Haines township most all his life. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning from the Lutheran church, of which he was a member. Interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery.

NOLL.—Mrs. Mary Noll, widow of the late William Noll, of Madisonburg, died in the state hospital at Warren on Tuesday. The remains were taken to the home of her son, John E. Noll, near Rebersburg. The funeral will be held this morning from the Lutheran church at Madisonburg, interment to be made in the cemetery at that place.

LUCAS.—Mr. and Mrs. William Lucas, of Halfmoon hill, are mourning the death of their little daughter, Julia Margaret, who died on Wednesday of last week of membranous croup. She was aged 4 years, 11 months and 17 days. The funeral was held on Friday morning, interment being made in the Union cemetery.

—A progressive euchre will be held in St. John's Catholic hall next Wednesday evening. The public is invited.

—Friends of Dr. F. K. White, County Treasurer, of Phillipsburg, will be sorry to learn that his two little daughters are suffering with scarlet fever, which is prevalent in that place.

—John South, a student at the Bellefonte Academy and right tackle on the Academy football team, underwent an operation for appendicitis, in the Bellefonte hospital last Friday. He is now getting along splendidly, though he will not be able to play any more football this season.

—On Friday sheriff Henry Kline took Raphael Kairdon, one of the boys convicted in the juvenile court here last week, to Buffalo, N. Y., where he was confined in a reform school for boys. His mission performed the sheriff spent several days taking in the sights of Buffalo, so that he did not return until the beginning of this week.

—The present board of county commissioners believe in turning on the light and, concluding that the court house has heretofore been enshrouded in darkness they this week had the exterior rewired and lighted up so that there is no danger of anyone stumbling their toes in going up the steps. A vote for Duolap and Weaver will mean the continuation in office of two very good commissioners.

—A party of boys and girls, students of the Bellefonte Academy, will hold a progressive Halloween party to-morrow evening. That is, they will assemble at an appointed place and during the evening go from house to house until eight different places have been visited. This will be something novel in the way of celebrating the evening and the young people are anticipating a very pleasant time.

—"Old Folks Day" was very appropriately observed in the Methodist church on Sunday. In order to have the surroundings in keeping with the services many quaint and antique articles, such as a grandfather's clock, spinning-wheel, and iron and tongs, candlestick and snuffers, old bibles and ancient records of the church were used as decorations. Rev. Stein preached two very interesting sermons, the subject for the morning being "The Crown of Old Age," and that for the evening "The Landmarks of the Fathers."

—The Episcopal congregation have discovered that it is no little job to repair their church in the way it should be. When the repairs were planned and work begun on the same the committee in charge confidently expected to have everything done in a month or six weeks. But it is now about two months since the workmen have been engaged on the building and the repairs are not nearly completed. The front has been finished, however, and from it it can easily be seen how much better the edifice will look when completed. All the loose stone have been removed, the broken stone trimmings pointed and all broken stone replaced with new ones so that the church has the appearance of a new building. The double doors, north on Allegheny street, have been hung to open outward as a precaution against fire. Quite a number of improvements will also be made on the interior of the building.