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Not a Likely Promise.

There would be a good deal of cause for rejoicing in the published statement that Mr. Cox, Speaker of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, will refuse to sign appropriation bills in excess of the State revenues, if it were not so obviously absurd. The Speaker of the House, the presiding officer of the Senate and the Governor of the State ought to adopt such a rule of action, but they will not. They are all under sworn obligation to "support, obey and defend the constitution" and that charter of authority for all legislation forbids the enactment of such laws. But neither of them will take the step to stop the evil which has come to be a custom of the machine.

Governor STUART inaugurated one important reform in the matter of drawing funds from the treasury. That is to say it had been the practice, previous to his time, to issue warrants on the treasury on the expectation or promise of future appropriations. Mr. STUART made a rule against this practice and to the effect that no money should be paid until specific appropriations had been made. That caused considerable inconvenience to the "small-fry" politicians who needed money in advance of service as well as appropriation. But the bigger fish were not affected and the innovation was permitted to stand. The suggestion of Speaker COX is vastly different, however. That would embarrass those "higher up" and such things are not permitted.

There is no political agency quite as potent as that of enacting appropriation bills in excess of the revenues, or at least in excess of the estimated revenues. It enables the political machine to promise any sort of favors to Senators and Representatives in the Legislature in consideration of their support of pet measures. Previous to the administration of WILLIAM A. STONE such a thing was too hazardous to be thought of but he flouted the constitution and all other restrictions and opened the way for all the iniquities which have followed. Of course PENNYPACKER, who is a sort of a moral perverser, followed in the same line and STUART, though he knew better, was afraid to take the back track.

Last week the WATCHMAN made mention of the possible shortening of the terms of some of our county, borough and township officials through the operation of the election law that has done away with the spring elections. In other words, borough and township officials whose terms would naturally expire the first Monday in March next will go out of office on the first day of January, 1912, if an opinion of the law given by JOHN G. JOHNSON, the eminent Philadelphia attorney, is well grounded. This interpretation of it would create an hiatus in the terms of many officials and to prevent such an unfair and undesirable condition of getting the new law into complete operation in the State Department has prepared a bill to be presented to the Legislature which, if passed, will extend the terms of all officials now holding offices to cover the time that might elapse between the expiration of their present term and the beginning of that of their successor. This would make councilmen, supervisors, poor overseers, school directors, burgesses and all borough and township officials whose terms expire in the spring of 1912 hold over until the first of January, 1913, just as those whose terms are expiring this spring will hold over until January, 1912. The most notable case in our county will be that of the President Judge whose term will be extended from 1915 to 1916.

Don't Expect Too Much.

It isn't safe to build too much upon the early veto of items in the supplementary appropriation bill by Governor TENER or to look too confidently for political regeneration in Harrisburg because he rebuked a couple of machine emissaries for over-zeal in pressing the bill for another increase in the salary of judges. The new Governor may reveal a good deal of courage in dealing with unimportant questions but when it comes to machine essentials he may be depended upon to do what the bosses want. The vetoed items in the appropriation bill will be approved in another bill and the judicial salary bill will be signed when it reaches the executive in a leisurely way.

If the money wasted in profligate administration of the government at Washington was left in the pockets of those who earn it to be disbursed by themselves in their own way the productivity of the soil would probably be so vastly increased that we might continue to be the granary of the world for years to come. By the same token a dependant for food is slow to wrath and our security against attack incident to such a position in the sisterhood of nations would remove the greatest of all sources of profligacy, large armies and big navies.

Will Try to Stand It.

In the event that Mr. THOMAS TAGGART retires from politics as he threatens or promises to do we shall do our best to reconcile ourself to the loss or appreciate the gain to the public life of the country. Mr. TAGGART has good points and has given the people of Indiana some good service. But when elements in the party unfriendly to the candidate for President in 1904 made him chairman of the Democratic national committee, they simply made him an object of ridicule and the party a victim of bad management. But it wasn't TAGGART's fault that the job was too big for him.

The Philadelphia North American is authority for the statement that our friend, Mr. G. W. A. McDONALD, of Lock Haven, who is the member of the Democratic State Executive committee for the 5th Division, has been given the position of messenger for the Senate Appropriation committee. In accepting this office, which is controlled by the Republican Senators, Mr. McDONALD has put himself in the same position that a number of members of the State committee did last fall by joining the Keystone party, and is liable to expulsion from the committee, under the rules, at any time that charges are preferred against him. The only difference between Mr. McDONALD's offense and that of the Keystoneers is that he accepted the messengership to earn a living, while they became Keystoneers to help break up the Democratic party.

CHAMP CLARK, prospective Speaker of the House in the next Congress, has not strengthened his grip on public confidence by voting for the tariff commission. The next Congress is expected to revise the tariff downward regardless of the opinions and arguments of experts employed by "the interests," and if it fails to do that it will be recreant. A tariff commission selected by TAFT will not be for downward revision and therefore will not help the Democratic purpose of decreasing tariff rates. That being true all that it can achieve is to draw a lot of money from the treasury to pay salaries and other expenses and the Democrats in Congress are not expected to aid in the result.

In quoting the late President MCKINLEY's earnest plea for reciprocity, his last public utterance, President TAFT invites the contemplation of the spectacle of the devil quoting scripture. In that famous speech delivered at Buffalo the martyred MCKINLEY admonished his countrymen against such legislation as was expressed in the PAYNE-ALDRICH tariff bill which President TAFT subsequently eulogized as the "best tariff law ever enacted" by Congress. The rebuke of such an estimate implied in the result of the elections last fall has changed the current of his mind, however, and now he quotes the dead statesman to justify his altered opinion.

Our esteemed contemporary the New York World is great in achievement but it will hardly get President TAFT to call an extra session of Congress. "The interests" don't want tariff revision right away and they supply the campaign fund.

Speaker CANNON is going to Europe after the adjournment of Congress but as he is able to employ a guide it can hardly be hoped that he will get lost.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

On April first Morris Kreamer will move from Bishop street to a house on Quaker hill and John Larimer will move into the Heinle house now occupied by J. H. Decker and family.

Harry Davis has resigned his position as chemist with the American Lime & Stone company in this place and gone to Altoona to accept a position with the Pennsylvania railroad company.

A W. C. T. U. parlor meeting will be held at the residence of Miss Mira Humes, on Tuesday next, February 7th, at two o'clock. A report will be given from the State and National conventions. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested to be present.

February is not only the shortest month in the year but is a month of holidays, both legal and otherwise, although there is one less this year than formerly on account of the spring election. Washington's birthday on the twenty-second will probably be the only one generally observed.

Dr. Edwin Erle Sparks, president of The Pennsylvania State College, has been invited to respond to one of the toasts at the annual banquet of the Harrisburg newspapermen this month. Owing to the fact that the doctor at one time was a newspaper man he was granted the privilege of selecting his own subject and he has declared that he will talk on "The confessions of a former reporter and how a college head looks at newspapermen."

The decision of a Philadelphia court annulling contracts for municipal work on the ground of collusion between the officials and the contractors to loot the city was probably a good deal of a surprise alike to the contractors, the officials and the people. But it ought to summon into plain view the beginning of the end of municipal brigandage in Philadelphia and it will achieve that result if the people there are capable of self-government.



JOHN A. DALEY.

DEATH OF JOHN A. DALEY.—After weeks and months of suffering "Col." John A. Daley died at his home in Curtin township at five o'clock on Saturday morning of a cancer on the face, the result of a wound received at the battle of South Mountain during the Civil war. For over a third of a century after the war was over the wound was apparently healed but about six or eight years ago it became sore and a cancerous growth developed. Various doctors and specialists were consulted and while on one or more occasions Mr. Daley was greatly benefited, and at one time felt hopeful that a complete cure would be effected, he was always doomed to disappointment, though never giving up hope until within the past few weeks. And even then he faced his doom with the same indomitable courage with which he faced the enemy on the field of battle over two score years ago.

Mr. Daley was born in Spring township, this county, on April 19th, 1842, hence was 68 years, 9 months and 9 days old. His father was Jeremiah Daley who came to Centre county from County Donegal, Ireland, in 1830. His grand-uncle, Jerry Mennan, was a member of the town council of Bellefonte that extended to Gen. Lafayette an invitation to visit the town on his second trip to America. When the subject of this notice was ten years old his father moved from the Valentine furnace onto the land in Curtin township that has since been the Daley homestead. Most of it was a wilderness at that time and young Daley assisted his father in clearing off the land and cultivating the crops. Naturally this gave him little time for schooling and his early education was limited to the general rudiments of the fundamental branches, but with these as a foundation he in later years, through reading and studying, acquired a knowledge of men and events rather above the average.

At the breaking out of the war in 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Forty-fifth regiment, under Capt. John I. Curtin. In January, 1863, he re-enlisted and served until the close of the war, and no braver soldier or more faithful devotee to the cause of an inseparable Union ever followed the flag than he. He fought in twenty-eight battles and was wounded three times, though always eager to return to the front as soon as he was able to do so.

At the close of the war he returned home and went to work for his father on the farm and after the latter's death in 1866, he assumed entire charge and in a few years had cleared and under cultivation over one hundred acres of good, fertile land and that has been his home and occupation ever since, with the exception of four years and four months, from 1869 to 1893, when he filled a clerical position in the office of the Secretary of the Interior at Washington.

Mr. Daley was known as the sage of Curtin township, lawyer, statesman and general counsellor. He was a Republican in politics and always a hard worker for his party. He was elected and filled a number of township offices but it was his chief aspiration to serve in the State Legislature and he was finally nominated by the Republicans as the running mate of Eli Townsend in 1898, but both men went down to defeat before Foster and Wetzel, the Democratic nominees. Several times since Mr. Daley tried for the nomination but was always defeated in the convention and he naturally became somewhat embittered at his party for what he considered unjust treatment. Mr. Daley was a member of the Howard Lodge of Odd Fellows; the George L. Potter Post No. 272, of Milesburg, and Union Veterans Legion, of Washington, D. C. In religious faith he was a member of the River Brethren (Dunkard) church.

On Christmas day of 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Haines, of Liberty township. The result of this union was ten children six of whom survive, namely: Charles C., Robert C., Mrs. William A. Everley, Franklin, Anna L. and Sarah M. The oldest son, Jeremiah, was killed in the Ford Theatre disaster in Washington in 1893.

The funeral was held from his late home in Curtin township on Monday at 12:30 o'clock. A delegation of Gregg Post and a firing squad of Company L, of this place, were in attendance and burial was made at Romola.

LIGHTNER.—Mrs. Thermantha Lightner, wife of Landis Lightner, died on Sunday morning at her home at the foot of Tussey mountain, near Pine Grove Mills, of heart failure, aged thirty-three

years. She is survived by her husband, one son and two daughters; also her parents and several brothers and sisters. She was a member of the Lutheran church. Rev. Sponsler officiated at the funeral which was held on Wednesday morning, burial being made in Steffey's church cemetery.

COLLINS.—Miss Sarah Collins died at her home on east Curtin street at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday night. She had been in poor health for weeks and her death was the result of general debility.

Deceased was a daughter of Peter and Sarah Collins and was born at Summit, Cambria county. She is the last of a family of twelve children. When she was a young woman her parents moved to Ebensburg and that was her home until 1889 when she with her sister Elizabeth and brother, Peter Collins, came to Bellefonte and made their home along the old pike, now the property of Dr. R. G. H. Hayes. She lived there until several years ago when she moved to the house on Curtin street which she occupied at the time of her death.

Miss Collins was a member of an illustrious family and while she lived a quiet and uneventful life she was a woman possessed of rare traits of character and was loved and esteemed by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. She was a faithful member of the Catholic church and as long as she was able to do so was always a regular attendant at all the services.

Funeral services will be held in the Catholic church at eight o'clock this morning after which the remains will be taken to Ebensburg to be laid to rest in the family burying lot in the cemetery at that place.

GOLDSTEIN.—Mrs. Frederica Goldstein, widow of the late Jacob Goldstein, of Lock Haven, and a sister of A. Baum, of this place, died in Coffeyville, Kan., last Saturday morning. Last fall she went to Coffeyville to visit her two daughters and in the hope that the change would be beneficial to her health, which had not been very good for some months. She improved considerably and her death on Saturday was quite sudden and unexpected. She had been a resident of Lock Haven the past forty-seven years, her husband during his life being one of the leading jewelers of that town. She was of the Hebrew faith and a woman whose personality and kindly manner won her many friends among all classes. She is survived by four daughters, namely: Mrs. Saul Cohn and Mrs. Austin Quigley, of Coffeyville, Kan., and Misses Hannah and Mary Goldstein, of Lock Haven. The remains were taken to Lock Haven on Tuesday and the funeral held the same afternoon, burial being made in the Jewish cemetery, that place.

SPANGLER.—Mrs. Agnes Spangler, widow of Ezra Spangler, died quite suddenly of apoplexy at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Otto Rossmann, in Chicago, Ill., on Monday morning. She was a daughter of the late Judge W. W. Love, and was born at Tusseyville, this county, about seventy-two years ago. Some years after her marriage to Mr. Spangler the family moved to Joliet, Ill., and that had been her home ever since. Her husband died many years ago but surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. Otto Rossmann, of Chicago, and Mrs. William C. Barber, of Joliet, Ill. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. C. D. Runkle, of Pittsburg, and two half-sisters and a half-brother, Mrs. Elmer Campbell, of Linden Hall; Mrs. Z. P. Krise, of Pittston, and Hudson W. Love, of Wilkingsburg. Her sister, Mrs. George M. Boal, of Centre Hall, died last September. Burial was made at her old home at Joliet, Ill.

WENSEL.—Mrs. George W. Wensel, a former resident of Beech Creek, died at the home of her son James, at Avis, last Friday afternoon, of pneumonia, the result of a cold contracted when the entire family gathered at the old homestead to spend Christmas. Deceased was about sixty-seven years old and almost her entire life was spent in the vicinity of Beech Creek where she was known as a kind hearted, generous woman. She was a member of the Disciple church and always lived a consistent christian life. In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children: James A., of Avis; Mrs. Finton Richie, of Erie; Mrs. Howard Brown and Mrs. Alanson Moon, of Beech Creek. Funeral services were held at Avis on Monday afternoon after which the remains were taken to Blanchard for burial in the Disciple cemetery.

OSBORN.—Frederick Osborn, of Geneseo, Ill., who in 1896 was united in marriage to Miss Ella Wilson, of Bellefonte, died at his home in that place on January 12th, of heart failure, aged eighty-four years. He was a native of Connecticut but went to Illinois when he was twenty-four years old and became quite prominent in the affairs of the community in which he resided. Miss Wilson was his third wife.

FRY.—Strode Wagner, the infant son of Robert and Blanche Fry, died on Saturday after a brief illness, aged 1 year, 11 months and 4 days. To mourn the child's death are his parents and two brothers, Walter and Barton. Rev. Thomas S. Wilcox officiated at the funeral which was held at 3:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

SHEARER.—Mrs. Tillie Shearer, wife of Jerry Shearer, died quite suddenly on Sunday evening at her home in Bush Addition. She had been a sufferer for some time with stomach and heart trouble but was able to be up and around and look after her household work. Sunday evening she ate her supper and shortly afterwards went into another room and sat down. A few minutes later she fell from her chair and expired almost instantly.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith and was born in Benner township about fifty-three years ago. Surviving her are her husband and an adopted son, Allen; also her mother and the following brothers and sisters: Philip M., George W. and Mrs. Hattie Miller, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. James Shuey, of Buffalo Run. She was a faithful member of the United Brethren church and it was in that edifice the funeral services were held at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. C. W. Winey officiating. Burial was made in the Union cemetery.

REBICK.—Newton I. Rebick died at his home in Niagara Falls on Monday from a complication of diseases with which he had been afflicted for a number years. He was a son of the late L. C. Rebick and was born at Zion, this county, about forty years ago. He went to Niagara Falls about fifteen years ago and had since held a position with a carbide manufacturing company in that place. He was united in marriage to Miss Florence Smith, a daughter of Mrs. Salome Smith, of Coleville, who survives with two small children. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. J. Dorsey Hunter, of Bellefonte; Lloyd, of Niagara Falls; William, of Baltimore; Edgar, of Altoona; Mrs. Snodgrass, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Harry, of this place. The funeral was held yesterday, burial being made at Niagara Falls.

STEELE.—Henry M. Steel, head of the firm of Edward T. Steel & Co., large cloth manufacturers of Philadelphia, died in the Germantown hospital on Wednesday after three weeks illness as the result of ptomaine poisoning. He was seventy years old and was born in Philadelphia. In 1856 he came to Bellefonte and became the junior partner of the firm of Toner & Steel, general merchants, who had a store where the First National bank now stands. He remained here three years when he returned to Philadelphia and with his brother Edward engaged in the cloth manufacturing business. He is well remembered by some of the older people of Bellefonte.

OSWALT.—William Oswalt died at his home in Clearfield on Monday of last week after a prolonged illness with dropsy and heart trouble. He was sixty-eight years old and was born in Pennsylvania, this county. He is survived by two sons and one daughter, namely: William, of Philipsburg; Frank, of Hastings, and Mrs. L. Yarnell, of Karthaus. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Lucas, of Barree; Mrs. Woomer, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. N. Lucas, of Gillantown. The remains were taken from Clearfield to the home of his son William in Philipsburg where funeral services were held last Thursday, burial being made at Snow Shoe on Friday.

EMERICK.—After only a few days illness with heart trouble John Emerick died on Wednesday night at his home near Unionville. He was born in Georges Valley and was sixty-five years old. He followed farming most of his life and was an upright, honorable citizen. Surviving him are his wife and the following children: Mrs. Wilbur T. Peters, Mrs. E. P. Dunkle and Miss Lida, of Pittsburg, and Clark, at home. Mr. Emerick was a member of the Methodist church all his life. The funeral will be held at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon, burial to be made in the cemetery above Unionville.

MUSSER.—Mrs. D. J. Musser died at her home at Penn Hall on Tuesday afternoon of general debility, aged eighty-four years. She is survived by her husband, seven sons and two daughters, as follows: Mrs. Alice Swann, or Williamsport; William H. of near Millheim; Cornelius, of Lemont; M. P. of Zion; Luther, of Penn Hall; George M., of Beuna Vista, Va.; Calvin F. of Williamsport; F. S., of Homestead, and Lucy, at home. The funeral will be held tomorrow, burial to be in the Heckman cemetery.

SEDGWICK.—Miss Susannah Sedgwick died on Wednesday night at her home near Unionville of diseases incident to old age, she being eighty-three years old. She was born in Juniata county but most of her life was spent in the neighborhood of Unionville. Surviving her are two sisters, Mrs. George W. Williams and Mrs. Margaret Fink. The funeral will be held at ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

James Bayard is now located in Philadelphia where he has a good job in a printing office, and where he expects to stay indefinitely.

According to the old saw anent the groundhog we are in for six weeks more of cold weather as the wily varmint had no trouble seeing his shadow yesterday. From the way the day begun it looked as if there would be nothing doing for his hogship, but along toward noon the clouds opened enough for the sun to shine brightly and Mr. Groundhog very likely scampered back into his hole.

A SWEET PEA ENTHUSIAST.—Sweet Peas will unquestionably be the popular flowers with people of good taste and refinement the coming season. Why? Because no other flower yields such satisfactory returns in a wealth of beautiful and fragrant blooms for so long a period. But high grade seed of the choicest kinds is absolutely necessary for the best results. And just such seed, the very finest in cultivation, compose the collection offered below. Listen.

For 25 cents I will send postpaid to any address eight half ounce packets of the loveliest named varieties in the world and with all orders I will include a packet each of the famous orchid-flowered Sweet Peas, Countess Spencer, the White Spencer, and the charming new Lavender Spencer, "Asta Ohn," so much admired by experts throughout the world, and a packet of the early aster, "Queen of the Market" and one of gorgeous double poppies. And I always do better than I advertise. Coin remittance preferred.

Special offer: To all who will order before February 15th, I will send as an extra a packet of the magnificent new orchid flowered Sweet Pea, "Paradise Spencer," a rare treasure which will charm all who know of it. Address EDGAR A. HIGGINS, Sweet Pea Specialist, Avoca, N. Y. 56-3.

EARON.—ROBB.—On Wednesday, January 18th, a quiet wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Robb, of Howard township, when their daughter, Miss Anna Robb, was united in marriage to Joseph Earon, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Earon, of Beech Creek township, Clinton county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lewis Robb, of Pittsburg, a brother of the bride. Miss Stella Earon acted as bridesmaid and Thomas Robb officiated as best man. The young couple will not go to house-keeping until April first.

On Saturday of last week A. A. Dale, chairman of the Keystone party organization in this county, gave the county commissioners and county auditors written notice that the Keystone party organization demanded their right under the present law to the majority printing of the county; and that inasmuch as the Centre Democrat was the leading supporter of that organization it should be given the publication of the auditor's statement as well as all the printing to which the majority party is entitled. The claim is based on the fact that the Keystone party at the election last November polled more votes than either of the other parties. While neither the commissioners nor the auditors have decided just what they can or will do in the matter the action of the Keystone party leaders is causing some uneasiness among our Republican newspapermen who have felt so secure in their divvy of the county patronage.

Donald Potter has decided not to lease the Orbison house on east Curtin street to be vacated by the McCurdys and on the first of April will store their household goods and Mrs. Potter and little daughter will go to her old home at Crafton until they decide on some other location. The Orbisons will move into the Harrison house on Bishop street to be vacated by Jesse Underwood and Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Gardner will move into their own house on Howard and Spring streets.

Word was received last week, by Mrs. Samuel Sheffer, of the sudden death of her sister's husband, Mr. McClellan, of Denver. Being on the way to his hometown place of business he was suddenly attacked by heart failure, dying before medical assistance could be secured. Mrs. McClellan being alone in Denver, has placed the body in a receiving vault, until definite arrangements have been made as to her returning to Freeport, her former home.

The many friends of Mr. Andrew Hall, of Union township, will be glad to know that he is improving from his recent quite serious illness.

Mrs. Ada E. Musser, of Millheim, has been reappointed a notary public and came to Bellefonte last Friday and lifted her commission.

Local S. S. Convention.

At the late meeting of the Pennsylvania State Sunday School convention, held at Altoona, those present were confronted with the humiliating fact that Centre county is not in the front line; and in order to bring about the desired result, the executive committee of the County Association at its last meeting resolved: The first step in this direction is to have a meeting of all the County and District officers to be held in the Presbyterian chapel, at Bellefonte, at 10 o'clock, a. m., February 6th; and earnestly request every member, as well as other superintendents, to be present at this meeting, when we expect to arrange for a meeting to be held soon in every district of the county, under the direction of one of the State field workers.

On the same day and place, February 6th, Mrs. Baldwin will meet the primary and junior teachers for a conference on this important work at 2:30 o'clock. On account of the tree lecture in the High school auditorium on Monday evening, February 6th, the evening meeting in the Presbyterian chapel in the interest of the Sunday school cause has been called off. The morning and afternoon meetings will be addressed by Mrs. Baldwin, one of the state field workers.

You are earnestly requested to be present at any or all of above meetings and help us consider and improve our methods for the study of the word, and more efficient service as laborers together with Him. Yours for increase, C. L. GRAMLEY, Pres. L. W. NUTTALL, Sec.