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The Truth About Foreman.

The Republican papers are making much ado over the fact that DAVID R. FOREMAN, the Democratic candidate for Prothonotary, has been a deputy in that office under several administrations for a period of almost fourteen years, when there is very little to make a fuss over. Mr. FOREMAN was first appointed a deputy in office by L. A. SCHAEFFER. The wisdom of the appointment was shown in the interest Mr. FOREMAN took in familiarizing himself with the work and in the courtesy with which he treated everybody who had any business to transact there. He served out his appointment but as soon as Mr. SCHAEFFER's term expired he betook himself back to the farm and his school teaching, without asking for an office or another appointment.

He lived at his old home in Pennsylvally, where he was born and raised and is universally esteemed for more than six years, and it was only through the solicitation of M. I. GARDNER that he returned to Bellefonte as his deputy. He was also appointed deputy by Mr. KIMFORD, the present Prothonotary, because he knew of no man nearly so well qualified to fill the place. In all the years Mr. FOREMAN has been in the office it was only as a clerk and on a clerk's salary, sharing in no way in the emoluments of the office, and this is the first time he has ever asked an office from his party.

Nobody who has any knowledge of the two men will presume to compare the fitness of Mr. FOREMAN and Mr. DIEHL for the office. The former is thoroughly qualified in every way. He is capable and obliging and has the entire run of the office at his finger-tips. With him in office you can be assured that the public records and documents will be always right and safe, and the books compiled with neatness and dispatch. If you carefully consider all the facts you cannot help but vote for Mr. FOREMAN on election day.

Shall There be a New Jail.

Tax payers, are you sure that if you give the Republican bosses another lease on the county offices and another chance at the management of your county affairs for the next four years, that you won't have a great big new jail built by that time, and another blanket mortgage put on your property to pay for it?

There is just as much demand today for a new jail—a better, safer, more sanitary one—as there was for a \$122,000 court house three years ago.

Had we told you when you were electing WOODRING and ZIMMERMAN, and giving a few Republican bosses here in Bellefonte control of your county affairs that they would put your county in debt \$150,000 in order to add a little more vault room to the court house, you would not have believed us, and they would have denied it. You have the vault room and filing cases now and you have the debt of \$155,000 and a tax mortgage on your homes and farms that is to last THIRTY YEARS. And that may not be all. The county jail is in bad condition; it has been so for years. It is claimed to be behind the times—unsanitary and unsafe. But it can be changed and made good enough for all purposes—safe and sanitary enough for all the criminals that get into it, at a SMALL OUTLAY. But it won't be done if the Republican bosses and advisers, who were back of the court house job can get a chance at it, and can get two Commissioners who will do what they want done as WOODRING and ZIMMERMAN did.

This is a matter that you want to think about. It is the next job that the same powers that brought about the expensive jobbery that characterized the repairs to the court house has laid out and just as sure as you give the people who managed that job another chance, you will have one of this kind sprung upon you.

Tax payers, we give you this as a warning! Will you heed it!

—If you want high class job work come to the WATCHMAN office.

Saving in State Printing.

The Superintendent of Public Printing has just made a very interesting report to the Governor. He tells the public that there has been a vast saving. The Legislative Journal, for example, which took the place of the Legislative Record, cost only \$22,740.36, this year, whereas for the session of 1909 the profits on the Record, as ascertained by investigation, were upward of \$86,000.00. There was a considerable saving on the "general printing," also, according to the report. The bill for work under this head, this year, amounted to only \$110,537.83. Other years it has run up as high as a quarter of a million dollars. The Superintendent of Public Printing conveys the idea that the present administration is entitled to credit for the saving.

As a matter of fact the saving is attributable to the incident that "a rank outsider" has the contract this year. In 1909, as was proved in these columns at the time, the contract for printing the Legislative Record was awarded, without competition, at \$12 a page. The advertisement for bids had been published according to law, but because the methods of award were known, only one bid was presented. At the date of the opening of the bids the successful bidder appeared with a scaled bid a few minutes in advance of the time fixed for opening. He passed into the inner circle. At the time there was only one man in the anteroom, a bidder for the wrappers. Just at the time fixed the officer who awarded the contract appeared in the anteroom and asked the person there whether or not he had a bid for the Record. He replied in the negative, the officer withdrew, and the bid which had been opened was changed from \$4 a page to \$12. As stated above his profits on the job amounted to upward of \$86,000.00.

Naturally this incident developed a scandal and resulted in an investigation, not by the authorities, but by a newspaper. The ultimate result was legislation abolishing the Legislative Record and establishing the Legislative Journal under condition which made it necessary to incur real expense. It also drove all the machine contractors out of the bidding. On the day of opening the bids no offers were presented and a subsequent day was fixed. On the second opening the only bidder was the "rank outsider." Of course he got the award but he has been held to such conditions that the saving occurred not because of the vigilance of the administration but for the reason that it was determined to "roast" the "butcher in."

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Republican city committee, the other evening, city chairman DAVE LANE admitted that the party is in dire straits and suggested as a remedy that the office holders be dragged into activity. Register of wills DAVE MARTIN declared that the only hope for victory in the coming election is in the activity of the office-holders. Senator McNICHOL added that if the party is to be saved the office holders must achieve the result and Senator VARE suggested that the office holders must "get busy," or else the party will be lost for all time. Thus we find that the Philadelphia Republican organization is leaning upon the beef-eaters at the public crib and they represent "a broken reed."

Senator Penrose's Purpose.

Senator PENROSE has at last revealed the real purpose of the proposed special session of the Legislature. We couldn't imagine that he would undertake to remove the disability of Mr. GEORGE H. EARLE, in the event of his election to the office of Mayor, in that way. The Philadelphia charter requires a residence qualification of five years in candidates for that office. Within five years Mr. EARLE has been a resident and voter outside of the city, so that he is disqualified, absolutely. But legislation after his election will not remedy the matter. Such legislation would be ex postfacto and invalid. Senator PENROSE is a lawyer and understands that fact quite as well as another.

As a matter of fact Senator PENROSE is not greatly concerned about the qualifications of Mr. EARLE because he knows that Mr. EARLE will not be elected. He took up Mr. EARLE in the first place not to make a Mayor out of him but to use him as a club to beat the brains out of Mr. WILLIAM VARE. Having achieved that result he now proposes to rip the municipal government from stem to stern so as to retain control of the spoils no matter what may be the result of the approaching election. In other words, he proposes to call an extra session of the Legislature to completely change the form of the municipal government and he will probably carry out his purpose whether EARLE or BLANKENBURG receives a majority of the votes for Mayor.

The so-called Commission form of government is an experiment, the merit of which is a matter of conjecture. It was acceptable to the people of Pittsburgh because the government of that city was so rotten that any change must, of necessity, be an improvement.

The government of Philadelphia is scarcely less venal and Senator PENROSE imagines that the people there, like those of Pittsburgh, would welcome any substitute. But he has not accurately measured the temper of those concerned. They feel that the election of BLANKENBURG will compass the improvement they desire and will not consent to a vast and unnecessary expenditure of money to accomplish a result they can get for nothing.

A Plain Talk to Taxpayers.

If you have time and the inclination to do it walk into the Gazette office and ask Mr. HARTER to show you the file of his paper for 1911. Turn to the issue of March 17, page 3, column 5. There you will see under the head "Needed for 1911" the County Auditor's sworn statement of the amount the Commissioners had certified to them would be required to run the county during 1911. The amount is \$105,000.00, just what this paper stated in a recent issue.

Last week the Gazette threw a spasm or two and out from a riot of rot and words came the shout of Liar! It is the familiar argument (?) of the Gazette and under ordinary circumstances we would pay no attention to it but lest some might believe our statement unfounded we refer to the county statement published in the Gazette last March merely to show what can be expected from a journal whose editor seems to think that Billingsgate is argument and "Liar!" the summing up of all that is convincing.

The WATCHMAN has not made a derogatory allusion to a single candidate for office in Centre county. It does not propose to. It has not given publicity to an untruth during the campaign, and does not propose to, wilfully. This campaign is a plain business proposition and the only persons concerned in it are the tax payers of Centre county. It remains for them to decide whether they want the management of the county to remain in the same hands for four years more or whether they want a change.

Right here let it be known that the WATCHMAN defies anyone to show that it has ever said or even hinted that the court house is not beautiful. It has never intimated even that there has been any graft in its remodeling. It is beautiful. But neither Messrs. WOODRING and ZIMMERMAN nor their \$8,000 architect deserve credit for its beauty. That was given it by its original builders. It was the work and idea of the men who managed our county affairs away back in 1834. Its general architecture, of which we hear so much, is exactly the same today that it was seventy-seven years ago. There has not been a change in a line, or a window, or a moulding, or a column. Nor was it even rebuilt in any way that could give its present owners credit for its beauty. A few rooms were added to the back end, and some changes made in partitions in the lower story, and the balance of the building was simply gone over, brightened and cleaned up.

Nor has the WATCHMAN intimated that there has been graft in it for the Commissioners. There may have been good pay for some of the fellows connected with its renovation, and fat snags for some of the manipulators of the financial end of the job, but we make no charge of crookedness or dishonesty against either Mr. WOODRING or Mr. ZIMMERMAN. It was their lack of judgment in knowing what to do and their want of courage to say no, when necessary, that has gotten them, and through them, the tax payers into the trouble and indebtedness that faces them.

Granting all these conditions, however, we are forced to call your attention to a few plain statements of fact.

No grand jury ever authorized the Commissioners to spend any such a sum as they did for remodeling the court house.

The Commissioners and their architect and Mr. J. THOMAS MITCHELL who was exploiting the architect at the time and who seemed to have some peculiar power over the Commissioners, assured the gentlemen who were at that much talked of meeting at Judge ORVIS' home that the entire cost of remodeling should not exceed \$60,000.00 and under the plans there submitted should not be more than \$43,000.00.

When questioned closely as to whether he was certain it could be done for such a figure the architect asserted that if contractors could not be found in this community to do it for that he would bring them from Philadelphia to do it.

For the truth of these statements we refer you to any of the gentlemen present at that meeting, to the Commissioners or the architect himself.

Now it matters not if changes were made in the plans afterward that made them so much more costly, and we certainly believe that such must have been the case. The real question at issue is who authorized such changes and by what authority.

The only persons who could possibly have done it were the County Commissioners, because they were the persons who had to provide the money and no architect nor contractor goes ahead with work without knowing where the money to pay for it is to come from.

Why did the County Commissioners do it? Why did they go ahead and spend \$122,000.00 when the most they had any sanction for spending was \$60,000.00?

Simply because they were wheedled into it. JACOB WOODRING and HENRY ZIMMERMAN knew no more about marble hallways, bronze stair railings, leaded glass doors, blue leathered mahogany and the simple beauty of colonial decorations than they do of the people on Mars. They did know that more vault room was necessary and were authorized to provide it, but they couldn't stop. Why? Because they both thought they would be re-elected sure if they did as a certain oily young Republican insisted they should do and they did it, clapping the climax of their blunders by fastening the debt on the county in such a way that it will cost \$255,000.00 before we can get it paid off.

Now the principal involved is not whether the court house is beautiful or whether it is free of graft, it is whether it is safe to continue men in office who haven't the courage to say no; who can be wrapped around the finger of any slick gentleman who engages to do the job.

Last Spring the York Bridge Co. sent several car loads of structural iron and a force of men here to tear out and rebuild the High street bridge over Spring creek. When the work was held up by indignant citizens these same Commissioners admitted that they knew nothing of the specifications for the bridge, had had no letting for it and only knew that they were to pay for it. The bridge was needed. That doesn't enter into the argument. How did they go about doing it. Just exactly as they did in the court house, by listening to the siren voice of the oily gentleman.

Knowing these facts, knowing their absolute truth, for no one will attempt to deny them, do you as a tax payer think these men are good or careful managers? If you do not, vote them out of office and make up your ticket on election day so that men will be put in the court house who have judgment enough to guide them and stamina enough to stand out against the oily manipulators of all the Republican officials in Centre county but one.

The Great Opportunity.

The coming election is for local offices entirely but it is not altogether a local election. That is to say though there are no State officers to elect the result of the vote will have State-wide significance. In other words a victory for the Republican machine ticket in any county in the State will give moral support and material help to the Republican machine in the election of next year and all future years. This fact should be thoroughly understood and appreciated by all the voters in this and all the other counties. Senator PENROSE will point to such victories as positive proof that his policies are approved.

The Republican machine is entrenched as no other political organization has ever been entrenched in this or any other State. As was said of another party organization nearly a hundred years ago, "it is held together by the cohesive force of public plunder." In many of the States it was deposed last year but in Pennsylvania Senator PENROSE was able to induce a few ambitious men to organize an independent party which drew from the admirable Democratic ticket sufficient

strength to elect the machine candidates. This year, in the absence of State candidates, it will be difficult for him to accomplish this, but he is trying.

There are thousands of independent voters in Pennsylvania who are opposed to the domination of the PENROSE machine. There are thousands of Democrats who allow PENROSE to win victories by default. If these two important elements in the electorate will get together, this year, and get busy, the PENROSE machine will be wiped off the face of the earth. The result can only be achieved, however, by enlisting the forces of one element and the activities of the other against the local tickets of the machine in every county in the State.

Of course Governor TENER will call an extra session of the Legislature if Senator PENROSE wants an extra session, notwithstanding the expense and regardless of the effect. But the people have the last say in such matters and half a million dollars is too much for the public to pay for the repair of PENROSE's political fences.

Henry Clay Will Escape.

The arrest of HENRY CLAY, director of public safety in Philadelphia, upon the criminal charge of conspiracy to loot the city treasury, need give either the accused or his friends serious concern. It is only a fake affair. Senator PENROSE needs the active help of CLAY in the pending campaign for mayor and the criminal proceeding is only an admonition to get busy. The purpose of the CATLIN investigation of Philadelphia was to prevent Mayor REYBURN from using the police force of the city to nominate Mr. VARE, and it succeeded. A week before the primary REYBURN issued an order requiring the police to keep hands off. It was all that was necessary and he reluctantly acted.

Hands off won't do in the general election, however. In order to elect Senator PENROSE's candidate for mayor next month the police will have to put hands on, hard and heavy. In view of recent incidents it may be assumed that neither REYBURN nor CLAY are inclined to order the police to rough house the polling places or protect the ballot-box stuffers. But they will be obliged to do so. Sixty or seventy thousand fraudulent votes will be necessary and they can't be secured without the help of CLAY. Therefore he has been arrested on a criminal charge and stands certain of conviction unless powerful influences intervene. The work required of him by the machine is the price of this intervention.

But CLAY won't be convicted. He will do what he is told to do, not cheerfully, probably, but certainly. Senator PENROSE's political life depends upon the election of Mr. EARLE. It may be added that the personal liberty of others rests upon the same result. For these reasons CLAY will put the police to work at every polls at which such operation will be tolerated and election results will depend upon strong arms rather than ballots. This is the program of the machine and votes for the machine candidates in this and every other county in Pennsylvania, are helps to this iniquity. HENRY CLAY will escape the just penalty of his crimes but the State of Pennsylvania will be direly punished.

WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST declares that he has returned to the Democratic party. That may be accepted as substantial evidence that Mr. HEARST believes that the Democratic party is scheduled to win in the immediate future, because his political affiliations are always selfish and sordid. But it should also admonish the Democrats to be careful. Mr. HEARST has an ax to grind, manifestly, and Democrats should not volunteer to turn the grindstone.

Wouldn't Even Hire a Democrat.

Just why the Republican bosses should be making such a special effort to run Mr. YARNELL ahead of the other candidates on their ticket, we do not know. Such, however, is the case. Possibly they see the hand writing on the wall, and know the futility of the effort to save their whole ticket, and still hope that they can land the Sheriff; and possibly it is to repay Mr. YARNELL for the bitterness he has always displayed toward Democrats.

It is only a few years ago that he was a kind of a boss down at the ore banks between this place and Zion. He carried his opposition to Democrats to the banks with him. No Democrat had a show at getting a job if he could find one of his own kind of Republicans, who wanted, and could do the work. There are numbers of good, honest workers, who are known as Democratic voters, still living about here, who when seeking work were told by him to "go and apply to their Democratic friends for a job, that he didn't have work for fellows who voted as they did."

Now this same GEORGE H. YARNELL has the gall to be traveling over the county begging Democrats to vote for him, against one of the cleanest, cleverest and best Democrats in the county, and every Republican boss is out trying to trade any name on their ticket to help him through. Why him particularly, is difficult to discover, unless they expect him, as Sheriff, to force if possible, every poor man who falls into his clutches to vote as he thinks they should.

Democrats, YARNELL is the last man you owe anything to politically, and it is your duty and it ought to be your delight to cast a solid ballot against him. He would do nothing for you were your positions reversed.

There is every incentive to Democrats to get out the vote at the coming election. A full Democratic vote will guarantee an overwhelming Democratic victory this year and absolute assurance that the candidates of the party for many years in the future will have easy sailing into the offices to which they aspire.

Physically a giant, morally a good man, socially most companionable, and with a heart as big as an ox ARTHUR LEE asks you to make him Sheriff of Centre county. We endorse the request because we know of no man who would make a more ideal one.

With the Republican party in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh torn into tatters the Democrats of Pennsylvania have ample reason for hope in the future. But to guarantee the result every Democrat in every county must do his part this year.

For high class Job Work come to the WATCHMAN Office.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

Go out and see the Bellefonte Academy—Lock Haven Normal foot ball game tomorrow afternoon. It will probably be the best game you will have a chance to see here this season.

Rev. E. C. Houck will preach in the Baptist church at Milesburg on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and in the evening at seven o'clock. This will be their regular Harvest Home services and the public is especially invited to attend, as they will be unusually interesting. All those who are willing to make contributions of fruit or produce are requested to send same in not later than Saturday. After the Sunday services these contributions are sent to the Baptist orphan's home in Philadelphia.

Thursday morning Rev. J. F. Hower, of the United Evangelical church received a telegram from Rev. J. E. Turner D. D., stating that he will come to Bellefonte on the last train Saturday and spend Sunday with the local United Evangelical congregation. The following services will be held: Sunday school 9:30; Preaching 10:30; Bible reading 2:30; Prayer and praise service 6:30; Preaching and Revival 7:30. Dr. Turner will speak at every service. Hear him once and you will want to hear him again.

There is no need to go away from home to see a good football game with the Academy playing as they are this year. The large crowd that was present on Hughes field last Saturday to see the game with Dickinson Seminary got their money's worth. Tomorrow the Academy's opponents on Hughes field will be the Lock Haven Normal eleven, and this also, is sure to be a good game. At Lock Haven the Academy was only able to score one touchdown on the Normal team and that after a hard struggle. The game will be called promptly at three o'clock and you'll miss something good if you fail to be there.

Friday evening, October 20th, the official board and congregation of the Saint Paul's Methodist church of State College, tendered a reception to the students from the Methodist and kindred churches, in the assembly room. The rooms were beautifully decorated with autumn leaves, vines and Penn State pennants. Fully three hundred and fifty persons were present. A twenty minute program was rendered consisting of addresses by Prof. F. L. Pattee and the pastor, Rev. J. M. Reiley, and a solo was sung by Miss Charlotte Tyson. Refreshments were served in the primary room which on these occasions is invariably used as a dining room.

Rev. William Potter VanTries, son of Dr. Thomas C. VanTries, of this place, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Broad Avenue Presbyterian church, Altoona, and will locate there in the near future. This announcement he made while on a visit to his father last Thursday, having come here from Altoona that morning. He remained in Bellefonte Thursday night but left on the early train over the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad Friday morning to officiate at a funeral on his present charge at Berwyn, Though comparatively young in the ministry Rev. VanTries has already won an enviable reputation as a theologian and pulpit orator, and the WATCHMAN wishes him success in his new location.

Special Foot Ball Train.

Account of the Penn-State foot ball game Saturday, October 28th, a special train of ten coaches from State College to Philadelphia will be run on Friday, leaving State College at 11:45 a. m., passing through Bellefonte at 12:25 p. m., via Bellefonte Central Railroad, Central Railroad of Pa., and Philadelphia and Reading railway, arriving in Philadelphia at 6:45 that evening in time for the theatre. Returning this train will leave Philadelphia Sunday evening and reach Bellefonte about 8:00 a. m. Monday.

Fare for the round trip from State College and Bellefonte \$6.75, and tickets must be purchased in advance from Bellefonte Central offices either at Bellefonte or State College. Through Pullman sleeping cars on return train from Philadelphia.

SPRING MILLS.

Miss Bessie Grove left on Thursday morning last on a visit to friends in Bellefonte and vicinity.

Commercial agents have been quite numerous of late. All report a very moderate business on the road, orders small.

Mrs. Wilbur Burkholder, of Bellefonte, is spending a few days here at the home of her brother, Magnus Duck.

Candidates are very active just now, seeking those whom they may devour. We have from three to five visitors per day.

After an absence of two weeks visiting her daughter at Snow Shoe Intersection, and her son at Altoona, Mrs. H. H. Rachau returned home on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Musser, of Jewell, Kansas, formerly of this place, were here last week visiting relatives and friends in the valley, guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Shook. Mr. Musser at present is president of the Citizens Bank, of Jewell.

Miss Mable Brown, after an absence of a week returned home on Monday last and resumed her duties in the postoffice. Miss Emma Zanes filled her position during her absence. Miss Catharine McCool accompanied Miss Brown on her short vacation.

Plenty of apples and cider and lots of apple-butter in this neighborhood this fall, but no potatoes worth talking about. Last fall the condition was exactly the reverse, then we had bushels of potatoes but no apples, and of course no cider nor apple butter.

On the road a short distance below town a horse scared at an auto on Wednesday last, when just as the buggy was tumbling down the embankment at that point, the occupants—a lady and a gentleman—jumped out, and no doubt saved themselves from serious injury. The buggy was put out of commission and the party was obliged to obtain another one to continue their journey.