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Democratic County Ticket.

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Penrose-Flinn Controversy Making Pennsylvania Democratic.

Special to the Record. NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania, declared at Democratic National headquarters today, that the row in his State between Senator Penrose and William Flinn, the Bull Moose boss, is surely showing the Keystone State into the Democratic column.

"This break between Penrose and Flinn is showing the Republicans of Pennsylvania where they really stand," said Palmer. "Tatt is growing stronger every day as a result. Four weeks ago Roosevelt was much stronger than Tatt. Now they are running neck and neck, and I expect to see them split the Republican vote evenly between them."

The above is a special telegram clipped from the Philadelphia Record of Tuesday last. We publish it, not for the news it conveys but for the surprise it will be to so many who, like ourselves, have read the oft repeated interviews: reiterating the claim that it was because Mr. PALMER had been elected member of the National committee, that Mr. GUTHRIE had been recognized as State chairman and that Mr. VANCE C. MCCORMICK was now willing to attend Democratic consultation meetings and look wise even if he had nothing to suggest, that Pennsylvania gave such promise of Democratic success in November. To be told now that it is the "row between FLINN and PENROSE that is showing the State into the Democratic column" and that "the split in the Republican vote" is going to elect a whole lot of Democratic Congressmen, is really a surprise that is worth being surprised at.

While every one knows that the hope of the Pennsylvania Democrats was more in the broken condition of the Republican party than in the bettered condition of their own organization, under the gentlemen named, none expected such an admission to be made by Mr. PALMER. It is this admission that creates the surprise, and the fact that he is reported to have made it, will even create a doubt as to the authenticity of the telegram.

American meat is selling in London cheaper than you can buy it in Belleville and they tell you that the tariff does you good. Yes it does DO you good.

Democratic voters should remember that Wednesday next—September 4th, closes the Registry. It is the last day they can have their names placed upon that list.

GIFFORD PINCHOT declares that Colonel ROOSEVELT will carry Pennsylvania by 300,000 majority. We were always under the impression that GIFFORD never drank to excess.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania are satisfied with their ticket as it is now. Every man among the nominees supported the Keystone candidates in 1910 but we are willing to forget and forgive that. We protest, however, against the substitution of Republican Keystoneers for Democratic Keystoneers in order to satiate the Keystone thirst for office. In any event we protest against forcing ROBERT E. CRESSWELL from the ticket to make place for a Keystoneer. CRESSWELL is the magnet which holds real Democrats to the line and we need him for that purpose.

That drag-net that the United States Senate has thrown out to catch contributors to funds used to elect delegates to State and National conventions ought to make a haul if it reaches this Congressional district. It was money that elected both BARCLAY and JOHNSON National delegates from this district, as well as the delegate from this county to the Harrisburg convention, and it wasn't the money of the men who were successful either, although Mr. JOHNSON swore that he expended almost \$3,000 of his own funds. Taking the covers off of Mr. PENROSE and the Standard Oil company may expose some others who are posing as specimens of political purity and it can't be done too soon or too thoroughly.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

SOMMERVILLE.—James L. Sommerville, the well known coal operator of Winburne and a former resident of Belleville, died very suddenly about noon on Saturday while driving in a carriage from a trolley car to his home in Winburne. He had been in Philipsburg looking after some business matters and was on his way home. He was met at the car by his son, Robert H., and James H. Potter, of this place. The latter occupied the seat with the driver and Mr. Sommerville and his son sat on the rear seat. They were almost home when Mr. Sommerville fell on his son's shoulder and expired almost instantly.

James Laing Sommerville was born in Airdrie, Scotland, over eighty years ago and was the only son of John S. and Bessie Laing Sommerville. When he was but a boy his parents came to this county and located in Snow Shoe township. After going through the public schools of that day James completed his education in the Belleville Academy and at the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia. At the latter place he studied civil engineering and when he returned home about 1858 the Belleville and Snow Shoe railroad was in course of construction. James D. Harris was the engineer in charge and he gave young Sommerville a job under him. When the road was completed he was given a position as assistant engineer and later made chief engineer of the road. It was while holding the latter position that he built the house on Spring street since owned by T. A. Shoemaker and that was the family home until the Belleville and Snow Shoe railroad was taken over by the Bald Eagle Valley about twenty-five years ago and operated under the same management.

Some years prior to that John S. Sommerville, one of the sons, had gone to Snow Shoe township and opened up a coal operation on some land they owned in that locality. When the Belleville and Snow Shoe railroad changed hands Mr. Sommerville and family moved to Burnside township, to a home adjoining the Miller Stewart property. That was their residence until their coal operation was worked out when they moved to Winburne where they had acquired a large tract of coal land and began operations there, being as he was at Snow Shoe the first operator in that region. These latter operations proved most successful and the result was the organization of the Carnwath Coal company, of which Mr. Sommerville was the president. He was also one of the organizers and president of the Bituminous National bank, of Winburne, and a director of the Cottage State hospital at Philipsburg.

Deceased was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church and for over forty years an elder in the same. He was a man of strong character and always led a pure, unselfish life. He is especially well remembered by many residents of Belleville and his death deeply regretted by all. In 1860 he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Harris, a daughter of James D. and Mary Ann Harris, who died on March 10th last. Their surviving children are Bond V., of Crafton; John S., of Robertsdale; Alan O., of Arcadia; Donald L., of Utica, N. Y.; Bessie, Mary and Robert H., of Winburne. One son, James H., died a number of years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville had an ideal married life, and their children rise up and call them blessed. "Lovely and pleasant in their lives, in their death they were not divided."

Funeral services were held at his late home at Winburne on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. The remains were brought to Belleville and the funeral held from the James H. Potter residence at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

GESSNER.—Mrs. Anna Gessner, widow of the late Joseph Gessner, died quite suddenly at her home in Coleville last Friday evening. She had been in her customary health during most of the day and in the afternoon was out looking after her garden. About four o'clock Roy Gramley, a neighbor's boy, happened along and noticed Mrs. Gessner sitting on the ground as if asleep. The family were notified and on going out discovered that instead of being asleep she was unconscious, having suffered a stroke of some kind. She was carried into the house and a physician summoned but she was beyond all earthly help and death claimed her at nine o'clock.

Deceased's maiden name was Anna Fusser and she was born in Alsace, Germany, on December 21st, 1842, hence was in her seventieth year. She came to this country with Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Thal when a girl and forty-three years ago was united in marriage to Joseph Gessner. He died in October, 1880. Mrs. Gessner was the mother of seven children, namely: Mary, who died a number of years ago; Mrs. T. A. Rishel, of Belleville; Katharine, at home; Mrs. Edward Rine, of Greensburg; Lawrence, of Arnold; Joseph, of Jeanette, and Mrs. Lewis Batt, of McKeesport. The funeral was held from St. John's Catholic church at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, burial being made in the Catholic cemetery.

Those who came to Belleville to attend the funeral of Mrs. Gessner were: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Batt, of McKeesport; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rine and their family, of Greensburg; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gessner, of Arnold; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gessner and Allen Berger, of Jeannette, and Elias Fusser, of Kane.

ORNDORF.—John J. Orndorf died at his home in Woodward August 21st, 1912, at the age of 65 years and 3 days. He had been ill for several years but bore his illness with great fortitude and invariable cheerfulness. He was a prominent man in the political and business affairs of the eastern part of Pennsylvania, serving in official position requiring good judgment and keen business acumen. In the United Evangelical church he was recognized as one of her strong men, locally, and was invariably faithful in attendance upon the services of the church. At the time of his death he was a trustee.

He was married to Sarah E. Dorman and to this union there were born three sons and four daughters. There survives his widow and five children, viz: Charles C., Louis D., Mrs. W. E. Hosterman, Mrs. Daniel Banner, all of Woodward, and Mrs. John A. Hosterman, of Menno, S. D. Thirty-two grand-children and five great-grand-children also survive.

The funeral services, which were largely attended, were held at Woodward Saturday at 10:30 a. m., in charge of his pastor, Rev. W. J. Dice, assisted by Rev. E. L. Kessler, of Woodward.

BRICKLEY.—After suffering for three years with cancer and having undergone two surgical operations Mrs. Nancy Brickley, wife of O. W. Brickley, died at her home in Lock Haven on Wednesday of last week. Her maiden name was Miss Nancy Long and she was born in Howard fifty-six years ago. The family lived in Howard until about ten years ago when they moved to Lock Haven. Surviving the deceased are her husband and four children, namely: Howard, Mahala, Samuel and Ada, all at home. She also leaves two brothers and one sister: George Long, of Milton; William and Mrs. James Hayes, of Howard. The funeral was held on Saturday morning, burial being made in the Dunnsfont cemetery.

HAMBRIGHT.—At the age of seventy-nine years Mrs. Leah Hambright, widow of the late James Hambright, of McVeytown, died at the home of her daughter in Altoona on Sunday of tubercular pneumonia. Her maiden name was Leah Otto, and she was a daughter of John and Magdalene Otto, among the first settlers of Millheim, this county, where she was born in 1833. She is survived by seven children, thirty-six grand-children and twenty-three great-grand-children.

PARSONS.—George J. Parsons, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Parsons, of Unionville, died on Wednesday after an illness of seven years with tuberculosis. He was aged 22 years, 4 months and 19 days and is survived by his parents, one brother Ray, and two sisters, Ruth and Jennie, all at home. The funeral will be held from the house at two o'clock this (Friday) afternoon, burial being made in the upper cemetery at Unionville.

LIGHT AND POWER COMPANIES MERGED.—A charter was granted at Harrisburg last Thursday to the Central Pennsylvania Electric company, of Lock Haven, with a capital stock of \$30,000. This company is a merger of the Patterson Scootac and Clinton county light, heat and power company; the Avis light, heat and power company; the Susquehanna light, heat and power company of Jersey Shore; the West Branch light, heat and power company, of Williamsport, and the Logan Electric company of Belleville. These are the various companies promoted by the projectors of the much talked of Scootac power company, and the above merger has been approved by Governor Tener. The ordinance granting them a right of franchise in Belleville has never passed borough council, having been withdrawn by the promoters after a first reading.

NO MORE SUNDAY MAIL DELIVERY.—Beginning next Sunday there will be no mail delivery on Sunday at the Belleville postoffice whether you are a box holder or not. This announcement was received by postmaster H. C. Valentine on Sunday in a letter from the department which quoted the following extract from the postoffice appropriation bill for the year ending June 30th, 1913:

That hereafter postoffices of the first and second class shall not be open on Sundays for the purpose of delivering mail to the general public, but this provision shall not prevent the prompt delivery of special delivery mail.

The department under the above law has issued instructions to postmasters to close the general delivery, carriers' window, lock boxes, etc., but to keep a sufficient force of clerks on hand to handle all special delivery mail. Mail will be sent out as usual on the 4.45 p. m. train west Sunday evening.

No reason is assigned for the incorporation of the above clause in the postoffice appropriation act. From the time that Sunday trains were run through Belleville Sunday mails were received here and delivered up until about a year ago when an order was issued closing the general delivery window and patrons of the postoffice were advised that the only way they could get their mail on Sundays was to get a box. Many people did so and now comes an order forbidding the delivery of mail even to box holders, but providing that special delivery mail will be delivered promptly. This latter provision may be one way the department is taking to increase the revenues.

Since the above notice was sent out by the Postoffice Department, Postmaster General Hitchcock has issued an explanatory statement in effect that the new law will have no serious effect upon the handling of important mail matter. Holders of lock boxes at first and second class post offices will have access to them as usual, although no mail deliveries will be made by carriers on the street or at post office windows. Mail for hotel guests and newspapers will be delivered to them through their lock boxes by a simple arrangement of having that mail sorted on the railway mail cars before it reaches its destination. Such mail will be regarded as "transit matter" and will be distributed immediately upon its arrival at the offices of destination, thus, practically, insuring a speedier delivery to the addressees than heretofore has been the case.

This distribution will require a minimum of Sunday work and the distribution of other mail received on Sunday will be made after midnight of Sunday so that it may be delivered by the carriers on their first tour on Monday.

At noon yesterday postmaster H. C. Valentine authorized the writer to say through the columns of the WATCHMAN that continuing through the present quarter, or during the month of September, the Belleville postoffice will be conducted just as it has the past few months. The mail will be distributed and put in the boxes and the lobby will be open as usual for the convenience of box holders.

BELLEVILLE POSTOFFICE EMPLOYEES WILL BENEFIT.—The postoffice appropriation bill enacted last Saturday provides for the expenditure of almost one million dollars in promoting clerks and carriers in first and second class postoffices and assistant postmasters. The word "promotion" does not apply to promotion in position but promotion or increase in salary, and according to the provisions of the act a number of employees in the Belleville postoffice will benefit thereby. So far blanks have been filled out and application made for an increase in the salary of John Bair, a clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,100 a year and for an increase in the salary of mail carrier J. F. Garthoff from \$1,000 to \$1,100 a year, both to date from July 1st. It is also probable that assistant postmaster William Chambers and all the rural mail carriers will be given an increase, though no notification of that fact has yet been received.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.—Eugene Kaler's most successful play "The Wolf," which will be presented at the opera house this (Friday) evening, is said to be an absorbing, virile play of gripping interest. The story is one of the Canadian backwoods and is a vivid portrayal of life in that hard land of snow and hardship and howling wolves. It revives the old plot of the man scheming for an innocent girl's downfall, but it has nothing that is sordid about it. Virtue triumphs and true manhood and womanhood have the audience's sympathy. "The Wolf" has been seen in Belleville in past seasons and the character of the play is well known here.

FIFTH PENNSYLVANIA RESERVES.—The following call for a reunion of the 5th Pennsylvania Reserves has been sent out by editor Grier, of Columbia, Pa., to which the attention of Centre county members is hereby called.

DEAR COMRADE:—The Twenty-third annual reunion of the Old Fifth will be held in Northumberland, Pa., Tuesday, Sept. 17th, 1912. By direction of president Rhoads, the call goes out for a gathering of the old boys, at the above named place, and date. Please kindly send me a postal, in reply to this, stating whether or no, you will be on hand. Try and be there, as arrangements will be made for Gettysburg's Fiftieth anniversary in 1913.

Yours truly, WM. HAYES GREER, Secretary. A big fair means a big time and that is what awaits you if you come to Belleville next week.

BIG BARN BURNED.—The large barn on the T. C. Cronover farm on the Branch, about four miles east of Pine Grove Mills, was entirely destroyed by fire on Wednesday afternoon. The farm is occupied by William Wilson, as tenant farmer, and he and his men were out in the field ploughing. Samuel Dunlap, a carpenter, was working in the lower part of the barn and he was the only person on the premises. He says he heard a roaring noise but he thought it was a traction engine and thresher passing by and paid no attention to it until a passerby gave the alarm and hastening to get out the livestock told him the whole top of the barn was in flames. Inasmuch as there had been no fire or light of any kind around the barn, and no storm or lightning, the only plausible theory for the fire is spontaneous combustion.

Mr. Wilson lost all his crops which included about 600 bushels of wheat, 600 bushels of oats, 50 tons of hay, most of his farming implements, etc., but saved all his live stock. His loss is total as he had no insurance. Mr. Cronover had \$2,500 insurance on his barn, which cost \$6,500.

GRANGE ENCAMPMENT AND FAIR.—The twenty-ninth annual Grange encampment and fair will open on Grange Park, Centre Hall, Saturday, September 14th, and close the following Friday. There is every indication that the affair will not only equal but exceed in many ways the former gatherings. A number of improvements have been made on the grounds, a larger number of tents than heretofore will be set up, the tent equipments have been increased, all exhibit buildings have been improved, and everything is being put into the best of shape for the approaching gathering.

The exhibits of machinery, agricultural implements, farm stock, and the products of the farm, orchard, garden and vineyard will be made a strong feature. The entertainments in the auditorium will be of a character especially of interest to the farmers as a class.

The Harvest Home services on Sunday, September 15th, will be conducted by the State Secretary of Agriculture, N. B. Critchfield.

CHELATED GOLDEN WEDDING.—On the twenty-fourth of August, 1862, Nathaniel Lindemuth and Miss Sarah Snyder were united in marriage in Columbia county. Twenty years later, or about thirty years ago, they came to Centre county and located on a farm on Dix Run, about five miles back of Unionville, where they have lived ever since. Saturday last being the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage they celebrated the event quite elaborately. Over one hundred invited guests were present including all their children and most of their grand-children. The children are Mrs. William Senser, of Tyrone; Harry D. Lindemuth, of Unionville; Lemore Lindemuth and Mrs. Edward Spicer, of Union township, and Mrs. George Ingram, of Millville. Many diversions were planned for the entertainment of the crowd during the day and the big dinner served to all was a veritable wedding feast.

FIREMEN IN CONVENTION.—One of the features of the annual convention of the Central Pennsylvania Volunteer Firemen's association at Houtzdale last week was the unveiling of a monument to the grave of Alexander Smith, the first president of the association, in the cemetery at Brishin. At the business session of the association Jersey Shore was selected as the place for the holding of the convention next year and the following officers were elected: President, Morris Meyers, of Jersey Shore; first vice president, Robert Sinox, of Patton; second vice president, Fred Weston, of DuBois; secretary, W. C. Langsdorf, of Houtzdale; treasurer, Frank Grebe, of Philipsburg. A. H. Rumberger was chosen delegate to the State convention with James P. Whitehill, of DuBois, as alternate.

CAMBELL-KOCH.—The hotel at Boalsburg was the scene of a pretty wedding at noon on Wednesday when Miss Ada Koch, daughter of landlord and Mrs. Amos Koch, became the bride of Isaac O. Campbell, of Fairbrook. Quite a number of guests were present to witness the ceremony which was performed by Rev. J. McK. Reiley, pastor of the State College Methodist church. Following a delicious wedding breakfast the young couple were driven to Oak Hall whence they departed on the train for a wedding trip east. They will make their home at Fairbrook where the bridegroom is engaged in farming.

FRIDAY—PENNY.—A wedding of some interest at State College on Wednesday was that of Prof. R. S. Friday, an instructor in the mechanical engineering department at the College, and Miss Florence Penny, for a number of years a well known Centre county school teacher. The ceremony took place at ten o'clock at the home of the bride's mother and was performed by Rev. J. McK. Reiley. A wedding breakfast was served the bridal couple and the guests present and later they were driven to Belleville in an automobile and departed on the 1.07 train for a brief wedding trip.

BRADLEY—LUCAS.—James M. Bradley and Miss Ida M. Lucas, two well known young people of Milesburg, were quietly married at the United Brethren parsonage on Wednesday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Winey. The young couple will make their home in Milesburg.

Our Correspondents' Opinions.

This column is at the service of those of our people who desire to express their views on any subject of general or local interest. The "Watchman" will in no way be responsible for their ideas or statements. The real name of the author must accompany all communications, but will be withheld from publication when the request is made.

A Timely Warning.

EDITOR WATCHMAN:

It always adds to my happiness whenever I see others happy in doing what is proper and lawfully right to be done.

Verily otherwise. I feel deeply grieved when I see any wrongdoing for the fleeting present pleasure of doing it, what is unlawfully and harmfully done. All lawless procedure is always hurtful sooner or later and brings no benefit, it may be some temporary gratification, but harm to all concerned. There is no height or depth of joy in transgressing God's holy law. It has always seemed to me somewhat strange that those who are favored with a fund of knowledge so plentiful, do not know that they are losing the best sweetness of this present life by their departure from the commandments of God, given in infinite wisdom and mercy for our observance and so to secure and enjoy their very highest well being. It did grieve me more than I have words to express while writing a few words of condolence to comfort a sadly belated bereaved father and mother in our town, on one Lord's day morning, at 5.30 a. m., to hear the whistle of a railroad engine at our station, taking to Gettysburg an excursion train of people, I know not who or how many, but certainly enough to make it pay or otherwise the railroad company would not, I am sure, wear out and waste its rolling stock.

In an expression of kindness with a timely warning, I desire to say to those in Belleville, who boarded that train, as it plainly appears to me, should have remained at home to "praise the Lord" in divine service and worship, helping on, just a little, "Thy Kingdom come."

The prophecies of the O. T., the plain and repeated teachings of the N. T., as well as the signs of the times, all unmistakably point to the tremendous fact that our Lord, in his Second Advent, is coming near, fast and soon; coming "as a thief in the night," when least expected, and "the unexpected always happens."

It behooves every one of us to "Prepare to meet thy God." Perhaps someone may say and give me proof that the said excursion train was a necessary and merciful conveyance on that sacred time to a sacred place. Very well then, being necessary and merciful, it was lawful and running against no forbidding orders human or Divine.

If so it was, then I should have wasted no time in expressing what I have written. Time, in these days, is too precious to be spent in finding fault and grumbling about anything with no good reason for it.

August 20-1912. MISSIONER.

The crop condition for corn in Ferguson and adjoining townships has been materially benefited the past three weeks by the frequent rains, and what at one time promised a small crop, is now considerably improved. Capt. J. M. Kepler, in Ferguson township, has one of the finest fields of corn in Centre county. Expert corn growers who have made an inspection of the field pronounce it an unusual field of corn from the uniform size of stalks, ears, and the large number of two and more well developed ears on each stalk. It will no doubt be a great gratification to the captain to see that his special efforts in preparing and cultivating his field has produced such satisfactory results.

In today's WATCHMAN Lyon & Co., the big dry-goods store of Belleville, present their first announcement of the fall campaign. To those needing goods in their line, and desiring bargains their new advertisement will be a matter of no little interest. What they say in that advertisement they mean. What they promise they fulfill, and it is with the certainty that it is telling the truth and nothing but the truth when the WATCHMAN assures its readers that there is no other dealers in the country, or anywhere else for that matter, who treat their customers better, or offer a higher grade of goods to the public at less price than this firm does.

If you came across a purse laying on the pavement would you hit it a kick or pick it up and examine it? Sometimes old purses are stuffed with paper and thrown on the street to fool the unwary, just as a brick has been put under a hat to catch the toe of "easy-marks," but it isn't always wise to be too cautious. On Tuesday evening prothonotary David R. Foreman was walking along in front of the monument when he espied a pocketbook laying on the pavement. He hit it a kick about in the same way a man would kick a mealy cur out of his way. Mr. Leonard, of Scranton, happened to be with Mr. Foreman and he told him to pick up the pocketbook, as there was money in it. Dave was at first a little cautious about doing so but finally followed the other gentleman's suggestion and picked it up. An examination revealed the fact that it was a good "pick," as the pocketbook contained upwards of ten dollars in bills and small change. It took a whole day to locate the loser, and when found she proved to be deputy treasurer Sarah Barclay. Of course that lady was extremely glad to get her pocketbook back and also her money, but she may be extremely thankful that it was found by the right party.

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