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Political Dates That Should be Remembered.

Because of the many important changes made by the recent Legislature in the election laws of Pennsylvania, the campaign guide book, annually prepared by George D. Thorn, chief clerk of the State department, will be of especial interest this year.

The pamphlet will be ready for free distribution in a few days. The following important features are culled from the advance proofs:

Registration days in all cities, Thursday, August 28; Tuesday, September 2, and Saturday, September 13; hours: In Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton, 7 to 10 a. m., 4 to 10 p. m.; in all other cities, 8 a. m. to 1 p. m., 2 to 6 and 7 to 10 p. m. Employees of State and Federal governments may register by affidavit without appearing in person. All previous registrations have expired.

Under the new State-wide primary act the primaries this year will be held Tuesday, September 16, for the nomination of all officers to be voted for in the election of Tuesday, November 4.

The last dates on which various steps in connection with the campaign will be taken are:

Filing petitions for nominations with Secretary of Commonwealth, Tuesday, August 19; filing nominations with commissioners, Tuesday, September 23; filing nomination papers for judges with Secretary of the Commonwealth, Tuesday, September 30; to be assessed for November election, Wednesday, September 3; to be registered for November election, in any city, Saturday, September 13; to pay tax to qualify for November election, Saturday, October 4; filing statement of expenses for the primary, Wednesday, October 1; filing statement of expenses for November election, Thursday, December 4.

There will be on the official ballot at the November election five proposed amendments to the State constitution for adoption or rejection by the voters.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

ANOTHER AUTO ACCIDENT.—Last Friday night a party of joy-riders from Lock Haven collided with the Bell brothers taxi, of Hecla, about midway between Zion and Bellefonte, throwing the occupants out and wrecking the machine. In the taxi were Mrs. H. R. Bell, wife of the steward of the Nittany Country club, her two sons, Robert and Samuel, and two girls who work at the club house, Misses Ellen Zimmerman and Edna Russell. Mrs. Bell had the ligaments of her right shoulder torn and was badly bruised in the right side. She also suffered considerably from shock. Samuel Bell had a cut on the left temple and had his side wrenched while the other occupants of the car escaped with a few slight bruises.

The Lock Haven party was composed of three colored men, Daniel Jones, Robert Butler and William Raymond with three colored women and two white women. They were driving a big Thomas car, the property of Calvin Armstrong, which they hired at a garage. The Bell party were on their way home from Bellefonte and claim that they got off to the side of the road to allow the big car to pass, as it was going at high speed, but at that the hub of the rear wheel caught the front wheel on the taxi, cut the tire as clean as if done with a knife and broke the wheel. The steering gear was wrecked, one door torn off and the fender broken.

Instead of stopping and rendering assistance the Lock Haven crowd turned around and started for home. Dr. Brockertoff happened along shortly after and took Mrs. Bell home while Max Gamble took the rest of the party home. Bellefonte officers were notified and a posse in Gamble's car started in pursuit of the joy-riders. Between Mill Hall and Flemington something went wrong with the latter's car and they abandoned it and started to walk to Lock Haven and this was where the Bellefonte officers were in luck, as they overtook them on the Flemington bridge and placed them under arrest. They were taken to Lock Haven where they gave bail for their appearance in Bellefonte Saturday afternoon for a hearing.

All the colored people came to Bellefonte at noon on Saturday accompanied by an attorney, C. B. McCormick, but there was no sensational hearing as anticipated. The driver pleaded guilty to undue and reckless driving and all that could be done under the new law was to impose a fine. 'Squire Brown, therefore, fined the man ten dollars and costs, the latter being unusually heavy, as the total was \$69. Mr. McCormick gave his check for the amount and that ended the case. It might be added that the injured are all getting along nicely.

Henry Johnson, who came here from Oil City as foundryman for the Bellefonte Engineering company, has made a proposition to the Bellefonte board of trade for starting a crucible steel plant in the old Houser lock factory. Mr. Johnson is a practical steel manufacturer and he claims that the plant could be started on a capital of five thousand dollars or less, and that it would be a sure money maker.

For high class Job Work come to the WATCHMAN OFFICE.

How a Democratic Officer Has Played into Penrose's Hands.

The uptown organ of the political pigmy, who since he was foisted into the office of Surveyor of the Customs at the port of Philadelphia because of his willingness to become the obsequious tool of the coterie of disgruntled politicians seeking the factional leadership of the Democracy of the State, and who, since that appointment, imagines himself a statesman, devoted over four columns of its space last week in an attempt to demolish, politically, the editor of the WATCHMAN, and to justify the betrayal of the Democracy, by its owner, in the appointment of two PENROSE workers to the principal positions in the office given him.

With the tirade against the editor of this paper, which occupies four-fifths of the space, the WATCHMAN has neither care nor concern. One never kicks a skunk without becoming polluted with the malodor of the varmint and so far as envying this particular creature is concerned we would as soon think of snatching a wilted cabbage leaf from a blind cow.

What the Democratic people want to hear and what they have a right to know is why, as a supposed Democratic official, he gave the two most important and profitable positions in the office the party gave him to Republicans. Especially since one of these offices is the key to all the official patronage that under existing conditions could be secured in the customs service for deserving Democrats.

The Democratic people are not caring about the "loyalty" or "disloyalty" of the editor of this paper. They are not worrying about how much of a "traitor" he has been. Nor are they exercised over how many kinds of a "liar" the new Surveyor of the Customs imagines him to be. They are demanding, however, and have a right to demand, a full explanation of the perfidy of the individual who has been catapulted into one of the best offices under the Federal government in this State.

It is a well known fact that whichever of these Deputies is assigned to the "outside work" of the Surveyor's department will have, above all others in the customs service, the position that can secure the discharge from or continuance in the service of all those now occupying places as inspectors, weighers, watchmen and laborers. It is the duty of the "outside" Deputy to have oversight of all these employees. To know that they are on duty regularly, to see that there are no shirkers, no loafing in resorts near their places of employment, nor failure to properly perform the duties to which they have been assigned. If he finds any derelictions, however unimportant or inconsequential, it is his duty to report the same, with substantiating evidence, to the Surveyor. A hearing is then given the offending employee and he is either dismissed or retained as the evidence warrants. It is very easy to understand the power a Republican Deputy in such a position will have to harass Democratic employees, as well as to retain those of his own political persuasion in places that by the exigencies of politics belong to Democrats. And it will be readily understood how useful the right man in that Deputyship can be to Mr. PENROSE in retaining his henchmen in the places they secured under a former administration and the club he would hold over Democrats who feared being reported. But discouraging and demoralizing as such a condition may be to the Democracy PENROSE has his man in the place and is probably laughing up his sleeve at the ease with which he secured it.

That Senator PENROSE should have this grip on the patronage of the customs service under a Democratic administration is as subversive of the best interests of our party as it is disgusting to honest Democrats. That such is the case is at tributable solely to the treachery of the pretended Democrat and late Keystone from this county who is drawing the salary of the Surveyor and at whose action Democrats throughout the entire State have every reason to be disgusted and ashamed. When it is understood, however, that charges that were filed in the Senate against the character of the Surveyor, when his appointment was before that body for confirmation, were withdrawn by Senator PENROSE before its own committee had had opportunity to consider their seriousness color is given to the suspicion of a deal whereby the two Republican Deputies were appointed and the office thereby left in PENROSE'S hands.

In an attempt to explain such treachery the Surveyor now claims that he was obliged to accept these two Republican Deputies because they claimed to be protected by civil service. If that is so why did he proceed "as his first official act" to appoint them to the places they now occupy? He is not so ignorant as not to know that there are no vacancies in an office protected by civil service, unless there has been a removal for cause or a resignation. And without a vacancy there can be no appointment. Yet he went ahead and made these appointments and tries to crawl out of it now by saying that a misinformed reporter of the Evening Bulletin reported him as doing something he did not do. If the reporter was misinformed the Surveyor only discovered it when he found that the marked copies of the very issue of that paper containing his own picture and his statements of his "first official act," which he sent to many in this county, were proving a boomerang. If these Deputies were under civil service then there were no vacancies. That he believed they were not and that he had the power to fill their places is shown by his effort to give them a fixed term in office and also to prove his willingness to give them these places, no matter how many worthy Democrats may have been hoping to get them.

When the editor of this paper took charge of the Surveyor's office in 1894 he found two Republican Deputies on duty and fully four-fifths of the other employees of the customs house to be of the same political persuasion. In less than one month thereafter a Democrat was installed as "outside" Deputy and in less than three months both Deputies were Democrats. All these positions were then claimed to be under civil service but the strenuous head of that Department of the government at the time, THEODORE ROOSEVELT, failed to back up the claim. Four years later, when the editor of this paper retired as Surveyor both Deputies and three-fourths of all the employees in the service were reliable and deserving Democrats. Mr. LYTLE succeeded to the position and in less than four months time had both Deputyships filled by Republicans and scores of Democrats occupying places in the service ousted and others of his own party installed in their places. He found no reason for depriving his party of the patronage properly belonging to it because the customs service was under civil service; nor did the claims of Deputies MCATEER and CASSIDY, the Democrats, that they were protected by civil service deter him an instant. It was then that the two Republicans, who seem to have the ear of this Keystone and pretended Democratic Surveyor, got their births.

When it was possible for all former occupants of the Surveyor's office, whether Democratic or Republican, to fulfill the expectations of their party the excuse given by the present one for the betrayal of the trust reposed in him will have more of truth than he furnishes and better endorsements than those of the Republicans benefitted by his treachery. Nor will the statement of Republican collector HILL, who insisted that civil service did not apply to these Deputies when Democrats were holding them, be accepted by Democrats as either approval of his action or condonation of his offense.

Putting into Mr. PENROSE'S hands the power to control removals and promotions in the custom's service under a Democratic administration, as this near-statesman has done, is a crime that no Democrat should forgive and treachery to the party unparalleled by anyone who has ever held that office.

In closing, it might be remarked that the frenzy the Democrat worked itself into because this paper did not publish the statements given its reputed editor by Republicans who benefitted by his treachery, might not have been so frenzied had the Democrat remembered how it treated W. HARRISON WALKER Esq. only a little man the Democrat called upon him publicly for a statement of his position, promising to publish it when furnished. When Mr. WALKER did present such a statement and with characteristic disregard for the third commandment called Mr. WALKER about everything he had in his profane vocabulary up to the time he wrote the tirade on the editor of the WATCHMAN.

Notwithstanding the variegated epithets the Democrat hurled at the editor of this paper and notwithstanding the flimsy explanations made, the fact remains Republicans to the most important places in the office of Surveyor of the Customs at the port of Philadelphia; places that two Democrats, no matter who they were, were entitled to.

Hess.—Mrs. Drucilla Hess, widow of the late Daniel Hess, died at her home at Linden Hall about ten o'clock last Friday evening. The aged lady had been rather feeble the past year or so and last spring she had a fall in getting out of bed. A month or so later she fell down the cellar steps and had been laid up from that time until her death.

Deceased's maiden name was Drucilla Catharine Weiland and she was born at the old Weiland homestead at Linden Hall over eighty-three years ago. Her entire life was spent in that place, though she had an acquaintanceship that extended throughout Pennsylvania and other parts of the county. She was a member of the Lutheran church since girlhood and was a good, christian woman. Her husband died a number of years ago but surviving her is one daughter, Mrs. Thomas Heims, of Osceola Mills. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Annie Windsor, of Knoxville, Tenn.

Funeral services were held at her late home at Linden Hall at 10 o'clock on Monday morning by Rev. J. I. Stonecypher, of Boalsburg, after which the remains were taken to Boalsburg for interment.

BROWN.—Following a lingering illness as the result of a stroke of paralysis Mrs. Austin Brown died at her home on Willowbank street last Friday morning, aged 59 years, 10 months and 7 days. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Meese and was born at Hunter's park. She was married to Mr. Brown in 1896, and their only child died several years ago. Surviving her, however, are her husband and the following brothers and sisters: Winfield S. Meese, of State College; Mrs. Neal Martin, Mrs. Elmer Sager, Fennie, John and George, all of Bellefonte. Deceased was a member of the United Brethren church and in the absence of Rev. Winey Rev. Shuey conducted the funeral service, which was held on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

SMITH.—Mrs. Rebecca Smith, wife of W. H. Smith, of Millheim, died August 1st, 1913, at the age of 71 years, 6 months and 18 days. She was a sufferer for some time of internal cancer which eventually caused her death. She bore her suffering with patient resignation and trust. For many years she was a faithful member of the United Evangelical church and a very regular attendant upon its services. The funeral services on Tuesday were held from the Evangelical church and were in charge of the pastor, Rev. W. J. Dice, and interment was made in the Union cemetery. The immediate family surviving is the husband, W. H. Smith, one daughter, Mrs. David Stoner, of Tusseyville, and two sons, W. E. and M. H. Smith, both of Millheim.

REYNOLDS.—Mrs. Anna E. Reynolds, wife of George W. Reynolds, died at the Altoona hospital on Tuesday, after a protracted illness with tuberculosis. She was fifty-five years old and was born in Centre county. Six years ago the family moved to Altoona where they since resided. In addition to her husband she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Bessie Cunningham, of Altoona; one brother, H. C. Miller, of Altoona, and one sister, Mrs. Catharine Bathurst, of Graysville. The remains were taken to Graysville yesterday morning for burial.

IDDINGS.—Margaret Iddings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Iddings, of Philipsburg, died at the home of her uncle, Jesse Irwin, in Bald Eagle valley, on Saturday morning, after a brief illness. She was aged 14 years, 8 months and 2 days and in addition to her parents is survived by one brother. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning.

BELL FROM HOUSE ROOF AND BADLY INJURED.—Mr. W. T. Twitmore, Bellefonte's well known tinner and stove dealer, fell from the roof of the rear portion of one of his houses during the storm Wednesday afternoon and fractured his left arm between the elbow and shoulder, broke three ribs and sustained numerous body bruises. Workmen were engaged in putting a new roof on his house and had a large portion of the rear uncovered when the storm came up. To keep the rain from going through and damaging the interior of the house Mr. Twitmore climbed up to cover the hole with tar paper. The carpenters had strips on the roof as supports and one against which Mr. Twitmore was standing gave way and with nothing to grab hold of he slipped from the roof, fell on the porch roof and from there to the concrete pavement in the yard. The height of his fall was over twenty-five feet and had it not been for falling on the porch roof first, thus breaking the force of the fall, his injuries would have been very much more serious. As it is they are bad enough to keep him housed up for some time and he has the sympathy of his many friends over his misfortune.

Charles Taylor, who for several years has been driver of the Adams Express company wagon in this place, has been appointed express messenger on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, running from Tyrone to Lock Haven. The young man is to be congratulated upon his deserved promotion.

Dr. George L. Lee is lying critically ill at his home in Centre Hall and very few hopes are entertained of his recovery.

A CHICKEN STORY.—On Wednesday morning two men came to Bellefonte with a scraggly looking horse hitched to an old spring wagon hauling a crate of young chickens, and represented themselves as farmers from Bald Eagle valley. A certain well known business man of Bellefonte has gone into the chicken business as a side line and when he saw the above men and the chickens he figured on a deal. The farmers stated that there were seventy-one chickens in the crate, and that they were six weeks old. A bargain was finally made that the men were to deliver the chickens into the business man's coop and he was to pay them fifteen dollars for the bunch. The chickens were delivered but when the men went for their pay they admitted that three of the chickens had smothered to death. As dead chickens were no good to the business man he demurred on paying fifteen dollars and finally compromised on \$14.50.

But what was his amazement when he went home at noon and counted his chickens to find instead of sixty-eight only fifty-two of them. To say that he became angry is putting it too mild. He was mad all over and without waiting to get dinner he hunted up the men and had them arrested. Before the "Squire" one of the men blamed the swindling job all on the other and said, "I told you not to do it, that he'd find it out and make trouble." And trouble it did make as the farmers were compelled to return \$3.36 to the business man and pay \$2.75 costs, which left them \$8.39, or about sixteen cents apiece for their chickens. All of which proves that it pays to be honest, even in a chicken deal.

POLITICAL ENROLLMENT.—The general primary Act passed by the last Legislature has among other requirements one compelling a political enrollment or registration. As the registration assessors have already made their customary returns it will be necessary for them to make another registration. They must call upon every voter in the county and find out his political preference; that is for what party offices he intends voting at the coming primaries, whether "Democrat," "Republican," "Washington," "Prohibition," etc. And whatever party he declares that is the one he will be compelled to support at the primaries. And if a man refuses to announce himself, or is missed by the assessor so that his name is not on the assessor's books, he cannot get a ballot to vote at the primaries. So when the assessor comes around and asks you what your politics are, don't tell him to mind his own business, for if you do he'll mark "Refused" opposite your name and then when you attend the primaries you'll be refused a ballot. And don't think you can bluff the election officers into giving you a ballot if you aren't properly registered, as the penalty is too severe. The law provides that any election officer guilty of violating the Act is liable to a fine of \$1,000 and a year's imprisonment, or both; and any non-registered voter who surreptitiously or otherwise casts a ballot is also liable to a fine of \$1,000 and a year's imprisonment. So the only thing to do is declare your politics if you want to vote at the primaries.

HEIM—FYE.—The home of Mrs. Emanuel C. Fye, at State College, was the scene of a pretty wedding at high noon on Tuesday when her daughter, Miss Bess Alberta Fye, became the bride of Raymond W. Heim, of Williamsport. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Walter H. Traub, pastor of Grace Lutheran church, the beautiful ring service being used. The bride was attired in a gown of crepe meteor and lace and carried a bouquet of pink roses. She was attended by Miss Virginia Holmes and Miss Jean Sandstrom. Four little nieces, Heloise and Grace Fye, Adeline Holmes and Miriam McCormick acted as ribbon bearers. Fred D. Heim a brother, of the bridegroom, acted as best man and the bride was given away by her brother, L. D. Fye. J. Howard Heim, of Williamsport, played the wedding march.

The bride graduated from State College in 1911, receiving the degree of B. S. in the class of home economics. The bridegroom is also a graduate of State, having completed a course in horticulture in June of this year. The young couple will spend their honeymoon in the southern part of the State and after September first will be at home to their friends at Waterford, Pa., where Mr. Heim has accepted a position as the head of the science department in the public schools.

PATTERSON—JOHNSON.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, at Milesburg, was the scene of a pretty wedding last Thursday evening when their granddaughter, Miss Anna Mildred Johnson, was united in marriage to Wesley James Patterson, of Tyrone. A number of guests were present to witness the ceremony which was performed by Rev. M. C. Pifer, of the M. E. church. The bride is a daughter of George Johnson and since the death of her mother had made her home with her grandparents. The bridegroom is a finisher in the paper mill at Tyrone and upon their return from a brief wedding trip they will go to housekeeping in that place.

PINER—JACKSON.—James A. Piner, of Devon, Pa., and Miss Nancy L. Jackson, of Bellefonte, were married at the parsonage of Trinity Methodist church in Lock Haven, last Friday afternoon, by the pastor, Rev. A. Lawrence Miller.

With the Churches of the County.

Notes of Interest to Church People of all Denominations in all Parts of the County.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY. Service Sunday 10:45 a. m. Wednesday 8 p. m., 94 E. High street.

Rev. Dr. Schmidt expects to return from Ocean Grove this week and will conduct services in the Reformed church next Sunday morning at 10:30. His subject will be "A Modern Miracle."

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 accept 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.

The Other Side of that Accident.

Mr. P. GRAY MEEK, Bellefonte, Penna.,

My Dear Mr. Meek:—I observe in the issue of the WATCHMAN of July 25th, a statement from Mr. D. R. Thomas, concerning the injury that befell Mr. George S. Gray, of Halfmoon township, on the 28th of June, which I desire to contradict.

The article in your paper of July 11th is largely correct only it should be stated that there was a distance of twenty-two feet from the highway to the place, by the fence, where Mr. Gray had gone for safety.

I spent two weeks, approximately, at his bedside, saw the crushed hip and the other injuries he sustained. He told me personally, and I heard him make the same statement a number of times to others, that the machine was going at great speed, that it ran across the road after striking the animal mentioned, (and there was no occasion to strike it, as there was ample room to pass), and then struck him knocking him under the car. Going rapidly, it's compact with the hog, striking it on the side, caused the driver to lose control of the driving wheel.

Mr. Gray was greatly injured and suffers terribly, all through the recklessness of the driver. No man, even at his age, could possibly be hurt as he was by simply "falling down." Instead he was knocked down by the auto, and it was necessary to lift the machine off of him. His fine physical condition, prior to his injury; his heroic fight for life and the excellent care of his physicians and nurses, under the blessing of God, have alone prolonged his life thus far. He is in a serious condition.

I am surprised to see the recent statement, making light of the act, and the terrible injury that befell Mr. Gray, all in the face of the true facts of the case, that I have been constrained to send you this correction which I will ask you to kindly publish over my signature.

Very respectfully, W. K. FOSTER.

Phila., Pa., July 30th, 1913.

AS OTHERS SEE US.—A motor party from Huntingdon paid a visit to Bellefonte last week, and among the number was William Reed, a prominent merchant of that place. Since his return home he wrote a letter to his friend, G. R. Spigelmyer, in which he spoke of Bellefonte as follows:

I never saw Bellefonte so thoroughly as yesterday. Your fine homes are wonderful in a town of its size. Your town shows that its citizens have a great deal of civic pride as the pavements, gutters and streets are in such fine condition. The public school building reflects great credit on your town and citizenship as one of the finest I ever saw. It is simply immense in every particular. You are to be congratulated in casting your lot in a town that has so much to commend it. Civic conditions of a town appeal very strongly to me. As good conditions as exist with you indicate the character of the people.

SPRING MILLS.

Edward W. Brian spent a few days in Lemont last week.

C. E. Snyder, of Sunbury, made a flying visit here on Tuesday last.

Mrs. J. C. Condo, who was taken quite ill last week, is convalescing.

Work on our state highway has been suspended until further orders. Why?

Miss Anna Cummings, after an absence of a month, returned home on Saturday last.

Wm. Peeler, after a very severe spell of sickness of a month's duration, is able to be up and about again.

Miss Mabel Brown, the efficient assistant at the post office, is taking her usual vacation. During her absence the position is ably filled by Miss Emma Zones.

On returning home from Lemont on Sunday evening last H. I. Brian lost a child's shoe. The finder will receive thanks and the postage refunded by mailing it to this place.

All our merchants report a very fair business during July. Commercial agents stopping off here report traffic on the road as being very satisfactory, many of the sales being for fall stock.

The colony of Martins at Penn Hall, occupying the "palatial building" erected for them by Fisher & Bro., as usual regale the visitors at the store with their laughable, babbling music. The colony will pack up the last of the month for their Southern trip, and then we'll see no more of them until next May or June.

The typewriter is certainly a very excellent and handy machine, but unfortunately is playing the mischief with penmanship, everybody wants to use the typewriter. In a few years specimens of good penmanship will be found only in a museum, while ordinary writing will not only look, but will be zigzag, ill shaped and resemble a small gridiron struck by lightning.

Dehorn the calves before they are two weeks old. Cut away the hair around the "button" and moisten. Then rub well with a stick of caustic potash.