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A New Idea of a State Committeeman's Duty.

Our uptown contemporary—The Democrat—known as the organ of the present "all-an-all" Surveyor of Customs at Philadelphia, Charles R. Kurtz, announces with seeming pleasure the candidacy of W. D. ZERBY, of this place, for State Committeeman. After informing its readers that Mr. ZERBY "was a former county chairman and is known in local politics as a reorganization Democrat who has been in sympathy with that movement for years," it assures its readers that if Mr. Zerby is elected "he will support A. MITCHELL PALMER, GEO. W. GUTHRIE" and, we presume, VANCE McCORMICK who are now known and acting as bosses of the Democratic party of the State.

In the column of space given to announcing Mr. ZERBY'S ambition The Democrat makes no reference whatever to the fact that there are Democrats in Centre county whom Centre county's State Committeeman ought to represent. It seems to imagine that the duties and purposes of our new State Committeeman should be solely to "support the PALMER-GUTHRIE-McCORMICK element in our party," whether they be right or whether they be wrong.

The WATCHMAN has no idea that the Democrats of Centre county have any desire to either endorse or perpetuate factionalism in the party. It does not believe that they have so little care for party harmony, or so little concern for the party's good as to enthuse over a candidate whose boss impudently announces that he wants to be State Committeeman merely to support PALMER and his crowd and not to represent the Democrats of Centre county.

WILLIAM F. SMITH, of Millheim, former Prothonotary of the county and a loyal, working Democrat before Mr. ZERBY was heard of, is also aspiring to be State Committeeman. And the WATCHMAN is for him because he doesn't represent any faction and because the people of Millheim, Penn. Miles and Haines townships have petitioned in large numbers to make him the representative of the Democrats of Centre county. He is the kind of man we want. One with enough back-bone to represent the home Democrats, and is not announcing that he only wants to be State Committeeman to work for a faction and thus keep the party divided and distracted.

The Case of Murderer Thaw.

If there were any hope that HARRY K. THAW would "hie himself to a nunnery," or take himself into permanent seclusion by any other route we could cheerfully join a Philadelphia contemporary in pronouncing his escape from Matteawan a "good riddance." This offensive person has been thrusting himself into public view so much since his murder of STANDFORD WHITE some years ago, that any way of getting rid of him must be welcomed. But we can see no reason to expect such a solution of the problem. The chances are ten to one that he will continue to be a noisome nuisance in the future as he has been in the past.

HARRY THAW is simply a murderer with all the brutal instincts which usually characterize murderers. We have never believed that he was insane when he killed his victim or that he has been crazy at any time since that event. But he escaped the just punishment of a murderer by pretending to be insane and should be required to pay the penalty of that act by being held in the mad house until his release by death. His insolent employment of money with the purpose of avoiding that consequence of his crime is an insult to the morals of the public. The sinister assistance given him by his family proves that his viciousness is inherited.

HARRY THAW ought to have been hung for his crime immediately after it was committed or as soon after as might have been under the law. If he had been poor or in reasonable circumstances, financially, that is precisely what would have been the result of his trial. But he escaped the proper punishment of an atrocious murderer by the corrupt use of inherited money and ever since he has been flouting public sentiment and decent opinion by keeping himself in the public eye. There is no room for miscreants of his type in the life of this country and he ought to be remanded to the asylum and kept there until his death.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

—Elliot Lane, of Linn street, is home from the tournament of the Northwestern Tennis Asso. at Newcastle, with the third consecutive trophy for singles. For three years he has won the championship there and surprising as it may seem few of his friends here have ever seen him play in real form for the reason that he has never had opposition to draw him out in games played here. We congratulate the young champion.



DR. PHILIP S. FISHER. (Photo by Malbury, Bellefonte.)

FISHER.—Between nine and ten o'clock on Tuesday morning Dr. Philip S. Fisher passed away at his home at Zion, this county, after a protracted illness. During the winter of 1911 he had a bad fall on the ice and injured his head. A cancerous trouble developed and his condition gradually grew worse. He had been confined to his home since April, 1912, and to his bed since July of the same year.

Dr. Fisher was a son of Rev. Peter S. and Verona (Heckert) Fisher and was born at Boalsburg on December 6th, 1845, hence was in his sixty-eighth year. His early education was received in the public schools after which he attended the Boalsburg Academy, the Allentown Military and Collegiate Seminary and Frederick Institute. He taught school several years and in 1865 began the study of medicine with his brother-in-law, Dr. Isaiah J. Wireback, of Sellersville, and later Dr. John N. Faust. He attended two courses of lectures in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and graduated in March, 1868. The following June he began the practice of medicine at Zion, and lived and practised there the balance of his life. His practice extended over a wide area and he was extremely charitable in his work.

Dr. Fisher was the chief organizer of the Zion Normal and Classical Institute in 1889; was a charter member of the Centre county medical society when organized in 1876 and president of the same in 1888. He became a member of the State Medical society in 1882 and was medical examiner on the Bellefonte pension board a number of years. He was elected coroner of Centre county in 1872 over his brother, Dr. C. P. W. Fisher, by thirteen hundred majority. In 1905 he was again elected coroner but was defeated in 1908 by Dr. Huff, of Milesburg.

At the direct primaries in September, 1911, he received the highest number of votes on both the Republican and Democratic tickets, and although a life-long Democrat, his vote in the Republican column at the polls in November was larger than the Democratic vote. Dr. Fisher served as school director of Walker township eight years and was secretary of the board three years. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Heptasops, Elks, and Patrons of Husbandry. He was the author of papers on whooping cough and cancer.

In 1872 he was united in marriage to Miss Eliza B. Fryberger, daughter of John Fryberger, of Milesburg. Their surviving children are Mrs. Nelson E. Robb and Charles Nevin, of State College, and Arthur Bruce Fisher, of Granite City, Ill. He also leaves five grand-children and the following brothers and sisters: Gen. B. F. Fisher, of Valley Forge; Monsigneur Nevin A. Fisher, of Philadelphia; Mrs. C. S. Cordie, of Oil City, and Mrs. Margaret Wireback, of Pittsburgh.

The funeral will be held from his late home at Zion at ten o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) morning. Revs. Schmidt, Hoover and Shultz will officiate and burial will be made in the Zion cemetery.

BECK.—Joseph Beck, a native of Centre county, died at his home at Fort Scott, Kansas, on August 9th, 1913, of general debility. He was a son of Daniel and Elizabeth Beck and was born in Halfmoon township on March 30th, 1828, hence at his death was 85 years, 4 months and 10 days old. He married Miss Martha E. Corbin on September 19th, 1854, and in 1856 they moved to Kansas where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Beck preceded her husband to the grave just one month and two days, but surviving him are two children, John and Alice, both of Fort Scott. He also leaves two brothers, Isaac and Isaiah Beck, both of Halfmoon township, this county.

POTTER.—Mrs. Ellen Potter, widow of the late Dr. Thomas B. Potter, of Phillipsburg, died at her home in that place last Friday morning after a long illness. Her maiden name was Ellen McMullen and she was born at Orbisonia, Huntingdon county. On April 18th, 1878, she was united in marriage to Dr. Thomas Potter and ever since had been a resident of Phillipsburg. Her husband died in 1906 and her only survivors are one brother, J. W. McMullen, of Tyrone, and one sister, Mrs. F. H. Madden, of Orbisonia. Private burial was made in the Phillipsburg cemetery on Monday morning.

ELSE.—In the death of Charles H. Else Milesburg lost one of its best known and prominent citizens. He had been ill only about a week with general debility and heart trouble and his death occurred at three o'clock on Monday morning.

Deceased was a son of Charles H. and Francis Bayard Else and was born at Salona on July 4th, 1846, thus being 67 years, 1 month and 14 days old. During the Civil war he served as a member of Troop E, Seventh Penna. cavalry. In 1872 he located in Milesburg and for seven years was in the hardware business. He later engaged in the drug business and for many years conducted the only drugstore in Milesburg. He was a member of the Methodist church and an upright christian gentleman. On January 2nd, 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary G. Ryman, who survives her husband. They had two children, Edith L., married to Claude W. Smith and who died almost four years ago, and Mary who died in infancy. The following brother and sisters survive: Benjamin, of Orlando, Fla.; Mrs. C. W. Kirby and Mrs. E. C. Poorman, of Tyrone.

Funeral services were held at his late home at 1:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon by Revs. Ash and Piper, after which interment was made in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte. Among those who attended the funeral were Miss Esther L. Greeno, of Milford, Ohio; Mrs. Eliza Parsons, Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Poorman and Isaac Shirk, of Tyrone, and Mrs. H. A. Moore, of Howard.

STIVER.—Dr. Thomas J. Stiver, who was born and grew to manhood in Centre county, died at his home in Freeport, Ill., last Friday afternoon, after a protracted illness. Deceased was a son of Thomas J. and Mary Stiver and was born at Potters Mills on January 9th, 1860, thus making his age 53 years, 9 months and 6 days. His education was received in the public and Normal schools after which he taught school five years. He went west in 1882 and was located consecutively at Sidney, Neb., Woodland and San Francisco, Cal. While at the latter place he began the study of medicine and later took a three years course at the University of Denver. After his graduation he practised in Denver for seven or eight years, during five years of which time he also held a professorship in the University. Owing to an accident in 1902 his health became enfeebled and he went to Illinois, locating near Freeport. He was unmarried but is survived by four brothers and one sister, namely: Drs. W. B. and R. J. Stiver, and P. C. Stiver, of Freeport, Ill.; Dr. D. S. Stiver, of Chicago, and Mrs. J. E. Ward, of Bellefonte. The remains were buried at Lena, Ill., on Sunday.

GARBRIK.—Sarah Ellen, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tress Garbrick, who live near the Valentine furnace, died at six o'clock yesterday morning of cholera infantum, after a brief illness. The little girl was two years old the first of June. The funeral will be held at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, burial to be made in the Sunnyside cemetery. Rev. G. E. Hepler, of the Free Methodist church, will have charge of the service.

GIVIN.—George Geraldine, fourth daughter of Martha M. and the late George W. Givin, died at the home of her mother, 5221 Chester avenue, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, August 6th. Interment was made in Arlington cemetery. The Givin family were at one time residents of Bellefonte.

REILEY.—WITMAN.—The wedding last Thursday evening of Rev. James McKendree Reiley, the popular pastor of the Methodist church at State College, and Miss Eleanor Witman, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Witman, of Danville, was an event of considerable interest. The ceremony, which took place at the home of the bride's parents, was performed by the bride's father. Miss May Witman was maid of honor and Dr. W. A. Reiley, of Clearfield, was best man. Mary Lowther, of Bellwood, was flower girl and the bride was given away by her uncle, Franklin Witman, of Berwick. Miss Rachael Sanford, of Patton, played the wedding march. Rev. and Mrs. Reiley have been spending their honeymoon at Eagles Mere but will return the latter part of the week and take up their residence in the parsonage at State College.

WILLIAMS.—STOVER.—On Saturday morning Mark Wagner Williams and Miss Mabel Isabel Stover went to Altoona where they were united in marriage before the altar of the First Methodist Episcopal church by the pastor, Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stover and an attractive young woman. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. James C. Williams, of Axe Mann, and is one of the efficient clerks in the Potter-Hoy hardware store. The young couple are spending their honeymoon with friends in Johnstown and Pittsburgh.

HARVEST HOME SERVICE.—The Harvest Home service on Sunday, September 14th, at the Grange encampment at Centre Hall, will be in charge of Rev. W. H. Schuyler, but instead of the customary sermon an appropriate religious address will be made by Miss Anna B. Taft, of New York city, assistant superintendent of the department of church and country life of the Presbyterian church. Miss Taft will also have at the encampment an exhibit of charts showing the results of the work being done by the department in various parts of this country.

WITH THE BOROUGH FATHERS.—Seven members of borough council hatless and coatless sweltered around the council table for an hour on Monday evening regulating the affairs of the town and its residents.

Barber R. A. Beck was present and made complaint about the motor busses making a depot of the street in front of his shop. He stated that they not only shut off the light but the noise they made with a cut-out muffler made him jump, and that wasn't a good thing for a barber. The matter was referred to the Fire and Police committee with the suggestion that they request the drivers of the busses to move a little further down the street.

"Squire W. H. Musser was present and made complaint about the condition of the boardwalk along the Morrison property on east Lamb street and the condition of the gutter in front of some of the properties on that thoroughfare. The regular notice has been given the supposed owner of the Morrison property to put down a new pavement and failing to do so within the required time council voted instructions to the Street committee to put down a concrete pavement and enter a lien against the property for the cost of same. The question of the gutters on the same street was referred to the Street committee for proper action.

In the reports of committees the Water committee reported meter bills for the quarter ending July 1st as \$470.78, with several of the largest water users not included.

Under the head of old business the Street committee reported that they had examined the bridge over Buffalo Run at the old glass works and while the timbers were still in fair condition one of the abutments was in bad shape. The bridge is almost on the borough line and the Street committee was instructed to see the county commissioners and find out if they would not join with the borough in putting down a permanent structure.

The Fire and Police committee reported the repairing of the roof, new spouting and painting of public building.

The Water committee recommended that in order to give the residents of east Howard street adequate water facilities and fire protection a six inch main be laid as far east as the residence of Robert Armstrong. The committee was empowered to have the work done.

Dr. Brockerhoff stated that residents of east Bishop street were complaining about the shortage of water and asked what had been done in the matter of a standpipe in the reservoir. Mr. Seibert stated that he had not yet completed his computations as to the cost of same but would have them ready by next meeting night.

Bills to the amount of \$501.43 were approved and council adjourned.

PEACHES AT THE PENITENTIARY.—The squad of trusty prisoners who are now on the new penitentiary farms at Peru are not really living on peaches and cream but some of them are having peaches from morning until night. They are now engaged in picking the peach crop in the penitentiary's big peach orchard. Comparatively speaking the crop is a short one this year, being conservatively estimated at from five to six hundred bushels, though some claim it will run close to a thousand. The peaches are picked by the prisoners and hauled to the farm buildings where for several days they were sold to all comers at seventy-five cents a basket, unassorted.

On Saturday Mr. North, manager of the Lauderbach-Barber company's store in this place, went up to the orchard and agreed to take the entire crop at a certain price for choice fruit, but on Monday evening he was notified by telephone that a number of farmers had agreed to take the entire crop. While some of the peaches are only of average size much of the fruit is unusually large and of fine quality.

STARS THAT SCINTILLATE.—Interesting notice of the coming of the Great Sig Sautelle Shows, Circus, Menagerie, Hippodrome and Wild West to this fortunate city of Bellefonte, Thursday, August 28th, circus grounds, Hughes' field, Bishop street, will be more interesting if schedule is given of the actors, stars and features. Sig Sautelle's educated horses are a ranking attraction. No handsomer or better trained equines ever stepped proudly into a ring. Miss Rose Reynolds, with her performing lions, starts by her bravery and fearlessness. Captain Frank Cramer, the Bostock of the cages, in his desperate encounter with Rajah, the man-eating lion, sends thrills and shudders down the backs of the on-lookers.

And the third bravest animal trainer and subduer, Miss Delores Franciscos, should be enrolled here as a star of the animal kingdom. This brave little lady juggles with leopards, jaguars and panthers as if they were house-cats.

ROAD VIEWERS TO MEET.—The board of road and bridge viewers will hold a meeting in the grand jury room in the court house at ten o'clock on Monday, September 15th, for the purpose of hearing testimony in the damage appeal cases of the Pennsylvania Railroad company vs. Robert Cooke, Geo. A. Confer and Burdine Butler, all of Howard township, and the Forge Run railroad company vs. H. B. Prentiss, of Rush township. The cases are all damage cases for land taken.

—Have your Job Work done here.

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.

An Interesting Trip Through the Far West.

Dr. Thos. C. Van Tries returned last Friday evening from an extended trip through the far west, including the Pacific coast. He visited the following cities and places: Chicago, Omaha, Lincoln, Denver, Colorado Springs, Manitou, Pikes Peak, Salt Lake City, Ogden, Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Pasadena and adjacent towns. He traveled nearly eight thousand miles. Not so bad for a young man of nearly seventy-four years.

He was delighted with Salt Lake City. It is beautifully situated at the base of the Wasatch mountains. Population 110,000. Met many of the Mormons, and looked into their peculiar institutions. Was introduced to Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon church, and his Board of Counselors, when they were in session. A very pleasant and courteous gentleman of seventy-five years.

California is emphatically the land of flowers, greatly surpassing the south in this particular.

The doctor was surprised and forcibly impressed with the immense area of excellent land which is useless from the want of water. This is especially true of Arizona and New Mexico. The river beds in summer are as dry as a city street and irrigation is impossible. This largely explains why Congress delayed so long in the admission of these two States. These lands are as level as the prairies of Illinois, and when irrigated, are just as productive.

The doctor thinks San Francisco is the coming city of the United States. The Panama canal will bring it into connection with the trade of Europe. China and Japan are destined to be among the leading civilized nations of the world; their traffic with the United States will be immense. The Golden Gate is the entrance to San Francisco bay and is about one and one-half or two miles wide. Inside of it is the bay or harbor of San Francisco, which is about seventy miles long, varying in width from five to fifteen miles. Completely sheltered on all sides, it is the largest land-locked harbor in the world, into which the largest and heaviest ships can enter with ease on all tides. The harbor has few if any equals in the world. Its ferry and excursion boats are screw steamers, not side-wheeled.

Los Angeles is a delightful city. Pasadena is eleven miles from Los Angeles, and is a city of homes. Its population is 35,000; has no saloons, and very few manufactories. It contains the residences of forty millionaires, from all parts of the United States. Part of Pasadena abounds in the most wild and romantic scenery. Its orange groves are famous.

The doctor was much interested in the many large orchards of English walnut trees; also some almond orchards which he saw in the Sacramento valley. Orchards in California frequently contain from fifty to one hundred acres. There are also immense fields of sugar beets and lima beans. The climate is semi-tropical. Palm trees, especially the date palm, abound, to say nothing of the beautiful magnolia and oleander with their gorgeous and fragrant flowers.

Across the bay from San Francisco is Oakland, a city of 250,000 inhabitants. It is situated or related to San Francisco just as Jersey City is to New York. Trains from the east are run upon ferry boats or transports at Oakland, and the passengers are thus conveyed across the bay to San Francisco. Berkeley and Alameda are also cities on the opposite side of the bay.

Facts About the Bellefonte Schools.

To the Patrons of the Bellefonte Public Schools:

All departments of the public schools will open on Monday, September 8th. Examinations for entrance to any department will be conducted on Tuesday, September 2nd, in the new building.

As the semi-annual promotion system will be introduced into the schools this year, provision will be made for beginners to enter during the first two weeks of the term and the first two weeks of February. Beginners becoming six years of age after the opening of school in September and before the first of February will enter in September, and those becoming six years of age between the first of February and the close of the term will enter in February.

Parents having a pupil in the High school are requested to examine very carefully the several courses of study distributed last June, as they will be asked to sign a card which will indicate the course and options chosen for their child. This selection will become binding on the part of the pupil in so far as it is not inconsistent with the regulations of the school.

Very respectfully,
JONAS E. WAGNER,
Supervising Principal.

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' REUNION.—The sixth annual reunion of the Society of the McAlisterville Soldiers' Orphans' School, 1864-1889 will be held at Burnham park, near Lewistown, Pa., on Thursday, August 28, 1913, when a literary and musical program will be rendered, in addition to the usual social features of these reunions.

Sunday School Workers Must Get Busy.

Sunday school workers in Centre county will doubtless be interested in the following information: For two years Centre county has been one of the front line counties in the State. Last year the last county in the State reached that position. This year it was hoped that every county would maintain the work. This will probably be the case except for one county. That county is Centre. In order that it makes good again this year thirty schools must have teacher training classes that have taken an examination since the first of October last, and before the first of next October. Of these thirty schools, but twelve have met the requirement. Unless eighteen more schools get their classes to take tests within the next two months, the county will not stay where it has been during the last two years and will be at the bottom of the list of Sunday school counties in Pennsylvania. There is yet time to redeem the county, and this is a call from the county and State associations to all Sunday school workers in the county to get to work AT ONCE and save the day for the county. There should be a teacher training class in every Sunday school in the county. If your school has none, begin to plan to get it into such a class, and help out your school and county at once.

FAITHFUL.

Y. M. C. A. NEWS.—The rear foundation walls of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. gymnasium have given away and it will be necessary to move the building back at least fifteen feet in order to find solid ground for a new foundation. When the swimming pool was built and opened to the public it sprung a leak at the valve of the emptying pipe. The leak was not discovered for some time and the water that escaped found a course under the rear of the gymnasium with the result that the ground was literally honeycombed and finally the foundation walls gave way and the building sank. An investigation shows that it will be impossible to rebuild the foundation there and the only way to repair the building is to move it back about fifteen feet upon a new foundation. To do this will cost in the neighborhood of fifteen hundred dollars.

To meet this unusual and extraordinary expense the Ladies Auxiliary are planning to hold a several days carnival during the latter part of September. The carnival will be held at the association and will be big enough to occupy not only the gymnasium but most of the rooms in the association building. One of the features in connection therewith will be a baby show. This will be something new for Bellefonte, but as there is no lack of babies in this community it ought to prove a popular innovation. There will be booths of all kinds, representing various nations, so that there will be plenty to amuse and entertain the crowd during the time the carnival is in progress.

Friends of the association have completed plans for the installation of a public drinking fountain, to be built in the front wall of the building between the two windows. The fountain will project only a few inches outside the level of the wall except at the faucet. It will be equipped with sanitary drinking cups and a modern press-the-button-and-get-a-drink appliance. The plans also include an extension of the fountain to the curb, by a pipe under the pavement, where a watering place for animals will be placed, if permission to make this extension can be secured from the borough council. It is not proposed to have the water running continuously at the watering place, but arranged to turn on only when needed. A drain will be put in to connect with the sewer pipe running from the gymnasium. This fountain will be placed in position before the end of August.

General secretary Weston has completed his program for the Star course entertainments the coming season and it is one of the best ever offered, including the following attractions: November 3.—International Opera company. November 20.—Lecture by Richard Pearson Hobson. January 16.—The Cambridge Players. February 23.—Margaret Stahl. March 20.—Gymnastic play.

—The Clinton county veteran association will picnic at Hecla park on Thursday of next week, August 28th. All veterans and their friends are welcome.

—Edison's talking-motion pictures will be shown at Garman's opera house Saturday, August 30th, matinee and evening. The talking-motion pictures is one of the wonderful inventions in recent years and when first shown in the large cities drew immense crowds. Their first exhibition in Bellefonte will be on August 30th.

—There are some good horses on Pennsylvania tracks this year and the indications are that a number of them will be at the Centre county fair. A good horse race is like a tonic to the over worked farmer, who knows good horse flesh when he sees it, and the Centre county fair will be the place to get your tonic. Good purses are being offered and good purses bring good horses, so come and see the races.

Mr. Lodge Not Responsible.

From the Hartford Courant.

Congressman Gardner is of age politically, and very much in the habit of doing as he pleases: Senator Lodge cannot fairly be held responsible for this sudden irruption of his son-in-law into the Massachusetts Republican State primary.