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Be Sure You Are Registered.

BELLEFONTE, PA., March 13th, 1914.
To the Democratic Voters of Centre County.

The Primary Election will be held Tuesday, May 19th, 1914, and will soon be upon us. It is all important that every Democratic voter should see that he is properly registered so that he may vote at that time.

The last days for registration will be Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17th and 18th, when the Assessors of the respective election districts will be at the voting places. BE SURE TO SEE THAT YOU ARE REGISTERED.

D. PAUL FORTNEY,
Sec'y County Committee,
Acting Chairman.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

FEW SOCIAL DOINGS HERE THIS WEEK.
—On Monday evening Miss Winifred M. Gates entertained the Harmonic club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earle C. Tuten, on east Linn street.

Tuesday evening two sled loads of students and other young people of State College came to Bellefonte and were entertained at the home of Hon. and Mrs. J. Henry Wetzel, on Wilson street.

Mrs. W. A. Lyon entertained a number of her friends at cards on Tuesday evening.

ASPIRING CANDIDATES COMING TO BELLEFONTE.—Vance C. McCormick, one of the candidates for the nomination for Governor on the Democratic ticket; W. T. Creasy, who wants to be the candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and W. H. Berry, collector of the port at Philadelphia, are scheduled to be in Bellefonte next Monday evening, March 16th. They will also visit Tyrone and State College the same day.

INJURED BY FALL OF ROCK.—Mancio Conti, an Italian, had his skull fractured by a fall of rock on Wednesday while at work in the Williamsburg stone quarries of the American Steel and Wire company. He was taken to the Altoona hospital where every effort will be made to save his life. Until three weeks ago Conti lived in Bellefonte and his wife and two children still reside here.

FURNACE COMPANY UP FOR SHERIFF'S SALE.—The plant and all the property of the Bellefonte Furnace company, which includes the Scotia ore mines and other mineral rights will be sold at sheriff's sale on March 27th, on the foreclosure of a mortgage for \$66,000. The writ was issued at the instance of the heirs of the late John Lowber Welsh, holder of the mortgage.

Justice of the peace George W. Eaton, of Blanchard, has been appointed a deputy fire marshal for Liberty township.

HOMAN.—Samuel S. Homan died at the home of his son Thomas, at Zion, on Thursday morning of last week of paralysis. He was born at Aaronsburg and was aged 86 years, 4 months and 18 days. He was twice married but both wives preceded him to the other world. Two children, however, survive, Thomas Homan, of Zion, and Mrs. Jane Fulton, of Mingoville. Mr. Homan was raised as a member of the Dunkard church but later united with the Evangelical church. The funeral was held at ten o'clock on Sunday morning. Rev. W. M. Hoover officiated and burial was made in the Zion cemetery.

HAZEL.—Mildred Helen, the infant daughter of Ralph and Maude Hazel, died at their home in Akron, Ohio, on Wednesday, March 4th, aged 2 months and 11 days. The child had not been strong from the time of its birth and about three weeks before its death it cut a full set of teeth. A few days later the teeth fell out and gangrene set in which resulted in its death. The remains were brought to Bellefonte last Friday evening and taken to the home of Mr. Hazel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Frank Hazel, where funeral services were held on Saturday morning by Rev. W. M. B. Glandring, of the Lutheran church. Burial was made at Curtin.

HAND.—James Hand died at his home at Julian on Monday evening following a brief illness with pneumonia. He was born at New Brunswick, Me., on February 3rd, 1848, being at his death 66 years 1 month and 6 days old. In early life he followed the occupation of a cook, first in the lumbering woods of Maine and after he came to Centre county in various camps on the Alleghenies. When big lumbering became a thing of the past in Centre county he engaged in farming in Huston township in which he was engaged the balance of his life.

He was united in marriage to Mrs. Hoover, a widow, who survives with one daughter, Elizabeth. He also leaves the following stepsons: Zenus E. Hoover, of Tyrone; William E. of Renovo; Harry, of Julian; Lewis C., of Lewisburg, and Andrew J., on the farm at Julian. He also leaves one brother who is a sea captain. The funeral was held from his late home at 9.30 o'clock yesterday morning, burial being made in the Dix Run cemetery.

TOBIAS.—Word was received in Bellefonte yesterday morning of the death on Wednesday night of William A. Tobias, at the home of his niece in Altoona. The cause of his death could not be learned. Mr. Tobias was a son of Rev. D. S. Tobias, a German Reformed minister, and was born at Bloomsburg on January 10th, 1833, being at his death 81 years, 2 months and 1 day old. He was educated in the public schools of Bloomsburg and by persistent study prepared himself for teaching. In 1858 he took charge of what was then known as the Fowler school in Haines township, this county. He received the munificent salary of \$20 per month, not including board. His school average was only five pupils per day and he had so much time to himself that, he often availed, he devoted it to learning to chew tobacco. He learned the harness making trade under Alexander Best, of Danville, and in 1861 was local editor, foreman, pressman, devil and carrier of the Berwick Gazette.

In October, 1861, Mr. Tobias enlisted at Bloomsburg in Company D, 84th P. V. I., under Capt. Alexander G. Frick. His first battle was at Hancock, Md., and subsequently he participated in the battle of Winchester. He was in Banks' retreat from Winchester to Williamsport, Md., then came home on a furlough. Shortly after rejoining his regiment he was taken sick and in October, 1862, he was discharged on a surgeon's certificate of disability. He returned home and for thirteen years he taught school in the winter and worked at various occupations during the summer. His last term of school was taught in Boggs township in 1874, when he received \$45 per month. In the fall of 1875 he was elected Recorder of Centre county and re-elected in 1878. Before the expiration of his second term he was appointed by Judge C. A. Mayer to make a new index for deeds, mortgages and miscellaneous papers, which took him a year or more, with the assistance of two clerks. When his work was completed he returned to Millheim and engaged in the real estate business. Since that time he has on two occasions been engaged for a short time in the mercantile business.

Politically Mr. Tobias was an ardent Democrat and always took an active part in every political campaign, on various occasions representing Millheim as a delegate in the county conventions. He served on Millheim council a number of years, being president of that body. He was a member of W. W. Bierly Post No. 298, G. A. R., of Millheim, and Centre Lodge I. O. O. F., of Bellefonte. Mr. Tobias never married. He was one of a family of eleven children. A year or so ago he gave up his residence in Millheim and went to live with his niece in Altoona.

The remains will be taken to Millheim tomorrow and the funeral held on Monday, burial to be made in the Reformed church cemetery at Aaronsburg.

SHARER.—Following a brief illness as the result of a general breaking down Mrs. Elizabeth Sharer, widow of the late Isaac Sharer, died at the home of her son, William Sharer, in Altoona, on Tuesday afternoon.

Deceased was a daughter of George and Ellen Walker and was born at Milesburg on April 22nd, 1836, hence was almost seventy-eight years old. She was united in marriage to Isaac Sharer, of Taylor township, on January 1st, 1860. Practically all of their married life was spent in that township with the exception of a year or two at McCarty, Clearfield county. It was while living there, on October 25th, 1909, that Mr. Sharer died and since that time Mrs. Sharer made her home among her children, the past four months being spent in Altoona. She was a member of the Methodist church and a Christian woman.

Surviving her are the following children: Mrs. Jennie Bathurst, P. Sharer and William, of East Altoona; Mrs. John Allen, of Juniata; Mrs. Ella Cramer, of Anolik, Monroe county; Mrs. W. A. Newman and Mrs. Jacob Coder, of McCarty, and Mrs. A. S. Sharer, of Bald Eagle. She also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Jacob Walker, of Centre Hall; William, of Philipsburg; Joseph, of Milesburg; Harry, of Lakemont Terrace; Mrs. Martha Ramsey, of Altoona; Mrs. George Hampton and Mrs. George Crider, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Albert Gill, of Pennsylvania. Forty-five grand-children and eight great grand-children also survive. Funeral services were held at the home of her son in Altoona yesterday evening and this morning the remains will be taken to McCarty for interment.

ROSSMAN.—Mary Elizabeth, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rossman, of Mingoville, died on Sunday evening after an illness of several weeks, aged 4 months and 5 days. In addition to her parents she is survived by one sister, Dorothy Rossman. Rev. W. M. Hoover had charge of the funeral services which were held in the church at Mingoville on Wednesday morning, after which the remains were taken to Hublersburg for burial.

STONE.—The remains of Henry Stone, who died in Pittsburgh last Friday, were taken through Bellefonte to his old home at Boalsburg where burial was made the same afternoon. Deceased was eighty-three years of age and is survived by the following children: George, Mrs. Maggie Kimberling, Mrs. Annie Zimmerman and Mrs. Susan Brown, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. John Pratt, of Johnstown, and William Stone, of State College.

POTTER.—Ferguson Potter, one of the best known men in Pennsylvally, died very suddenly on Tuesday morning at the home of his cousin, Henry Potter, near Linden Hall. He got up in the morning feeling in as good health as usual and after eating a hearty breakfast walked over to his cousin's home. Mr. Potter was not in the house at the time and the only person in the room was Mrs. Kent, a sister of Henry Potter. Mr. Potter sat in a rocking chair in the dining room and had not been there over five minutes when his head fell forward on his breast and he expired almost instantly. Mrs. Kent immediately summoned help, but Mr. Potter was past help, heart failure evidently being the cause of his death.

Deceased was a son of Robert and Nancy Potter and was born in Somerset county on August 9th, 1835, making his age 78 years, 7 months and 1 day. When a boy his parents moved to Centre county and located on a small farm near Linden Hall, in Harris township, and that had been his home ever since. He received a good common school education and when a young man he engaged in teaching school, a profession he followed during the school terms for forty years, teaching in the winter and after the death of his parents looking after the farm in the summer. During the past twenty-five years he served as justice of the peace of Harris township, holding the office at his death. He was just in all his decisions and always counseled litigants to settle any little trouble they got into peaceably and without going to court. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and a conscientious, upright Christian.

He never married and his only survivors are two sisters, Misses Mary Ann and Phoebe W., both living at the old homestead. The funeral will be held at 9.30 o'clock this (Friday) morning. Rev. W. K. Harnish will have charge of the services and will be assisted by Rev. W. H. Schuyler and Rev. Foss, of the Evangelical church. Burial will be made in Branch cemetery.

BARNES.—Robert P. Barnes, a well known resident of Pleasant Gap, died on Friday of last week after an illness of some weeks with dropsy. He was born on October 4th, 1845, and at his death was 68 years, 5 months and 2 days old. Almost twenty years he was night clerk at the Brockhoff house but resigned about four years ago on account of advancing age. He was a quiet, unassuming gentleman, and had the respect of all who knew him.

On May 26th, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Cooney who survives with the following children: George H. Barnes, of Altoona; Mrs. Clara Kestetter and John C., of Pleasant Gap; Orvis R., of State College; James R., of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Frank and George Barnes Wise, an adopted son, at home. He also leaves two brothers and three sisters. The funeral was held from his late home at two o'clock on Monday afternoon. Rev. D. J. Frum officiated and burial was made in the Pleasant Gap cemetery.

MC SULEY.—Mrs. Eleanor McSuley, wife of the late James McSuley, died at her home on Logan street at 7.46 o'clock on Friday morning. She had been ill for some weeks and her death was the result of general debility. Her maiden name was Miss Eleanor Devine and she was born in Clearfield county sixty-six years ago this month. Most of her life, however, was spent in Bellefonte. She was a faithful member of the Catholic church and a regular attendant as long as her health permitted. Her husband died seventeen years ago but surviving her are four children, Joseph, John, Miss Mary and James, all of this place. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Mary Kelly, ago. Also of Bellefonte. The funeral was held from the Catholic church at ten o'clock on Monday morning. Mass was said by Rev. Father McArdle and burial made in the Catholic cemetery.

BARCLAY.—Capt. Charles F. Barclay, former Representative in Congress from this (the Twenty-first) congressional district, and a veteran of the Civil war, died Monday at his home 1515 Newton street, northwest, Washington, D. C. The body was sent to Captain Barclay's old home in Sinnamahoning, Pa., where the funeral and interment will take place. Captain Barclay was born in Oswego, N. Y., 70 years ago. He joined the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. He saw active service and was captured at the battle of Gettysburg, being confined in Libby prison for 18 months. His only immediate relative is a sister, Mrs. R. Z. Roberts, of Pittsburgh. He served two terms as a member of the House of Representatives, being elected to the Sixtieth and Sixty-first Congresses.

MCCARTNEY.—John McCartney, an aged resident of Curtin township, died very suddenly of apoplexy, last Saturday morning, at his home on Marsh Creek. He was seventy-nine years old and is survived by a large family of grown up children. The funeral was held on Monday, burial being made in the Summit Hill cemetery.

SMITH.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, of Elmira, N. Y., formerly of Zion, this county, are mourning the death of their ten days old infant daughter, which occurred on Friday of last week. Burial was made on Sunday.

KUHN.—The announcement of the death of William B. Kuhn, at his home in Knoxville, near Pittsburgh, last Friday, was received with deep regret by his many Bellefonte friends. He had been suffering with a bad cold for several weeks but was around until Wednesday of last week when pneumonia developed causing his death at 4.05 o'clock on Friday evening.

William Bell Kuhn was a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kuhn, of Axe Mann, and was born near Bellefonte on November 4th, 1884, hence at his death was only 29 years, 4 months and 2 days old. When a boy he attended the public schools in Spring township and later took a course in the Bellefonte High school, graduating in the class of 1905. He taught school at Roopsburg the following winter and in the early summer of 1906 went to Pittsburgh and secured a clerical position with the National Tube company, a position he held at the time of his death. During the past few years he developed a genius for writing short stories and a number of his productions appeared in prominent magazines. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and an exemplary young man in every way.

On June 12th, 1912, he was united in marriage to Miss Leola E. Bahl who survives with an eight months old son, William Bahl Kuhn. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Miss Bessie, at home, Mrs. William Lohr, of Marble Rock, Iowa; Rev. Frank V. Kuhn, of Mapletown, Wayne county; Gardner, of Escandido, Cal.; George, of Canton, Ohio; Dale, of Pittsburgh, and Clement, of Blanchard. Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Kuhn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Bahl, of Knoxville, on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock by Rev. Jones, and interment was made on Monday.

WANCE.—Following a protracted illness with a complication of diseases David Harrison Wance died at his home at Aaronsburg last Saturday night, aged 76 years, 9 months and 22 days. He served three years during the Civil war as a member of Company D, 148th regiment, under General Beaver. He was a good citizen and had the high esteem of all who knew him. Surviving him are the following children: Thomas F., Jacob E., Mrs. Emeline P. Mingle, Hugh M., Mrs. Dianna A. Vonada, Levi L., Mrs. Sarah C. Wells, Mrs. Agnes U. Vonada, Mrs. Alice Merryman, Harvey E., Dora May and Anthony R. He was a member of the United Evangelical church and Rev. W. H. Donat had charge of the funeral which was held on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Lutheran cemetery at Aaronsburg.

FINK.—John Henry Fink, a veteran of the Civil war and a retired Pennsylvania railroad shopman, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Watts, in Altoona, on Sunday afternoon. His death was caused by dropsy with which he had suffered for some weeks.

Deceased was born at Hannah Furnace, this county, on December 9th, 1839, hence was 74 years, 2 months and 24 days old. He had been a resident of Altoona for almost forty years. Surviving him are two daughters, Mrs. J. M. Watts and Mrs. Elsie Burkhardt, both of Altoona. He also leaves one brother, David Fink, of Greenwood, Blair county. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Second United Brethren church, of which he was a member, after which burial was made in the Oak Ridge cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—After suffering with rheumatism the past ten years Mrs. Bion Williams died at her home in Curtin last Thursday morning. Her maiden name was Miss Marietta Stevens, a daughter of Samuel and Susannah Stevens and she was born at Port Matilda fifty-eight years ago. When twelve years of age she was united with the Methodist church and had been a member of the same ever since. Surviving her are two children, Mrs. W. J. Brooks and A. P. Williams, both of Curtin. She also leaves two sisters and three brothers, namely: Mrs. H. H. Osman, J. A. Stevens and Mrs. A. S. Price, of Port Matilda; A. B. Stevens, of Houtzdale, and D. E. Stevens, of Altoona. The funeral services on Saturday afternoon were in charge of Rev. M. C. Piper, assisted by Rev. J. C. Dunning, and burial was made in Curtin cemetery.

WALKER.—Another veteran of the Civil war has answered the last roll call in the person of Philip Walker, of Moshannon, who died last Saturday, aged 86 years, 11 months and 16 days. During the war he served in General Beaver's 148th regiment. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Caroline Mayes, at home; Mrs. James Dean, Mrs. John Hockenberry and Jackson Walker, all of Moshannon. He also leaves one brother, Thomas Walker, of Marsh Creek. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Ruch had charge of the services and burial was made in the Askey cemetery.

MICHAELS.—Mrs. Julia A. Michaels, widow of the late Capt. G. T. Michaels, of Lock Haven, died on Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. S. Edwards, in Williamsport. She was eighty years old and had been in feeble health for some months. In addition to her daughter she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Kate Showers, of Bellefonte. For many years she was a faithful member of the Trinity M. E. church, Lock Haven. Burial was made at Lock Haven yesterday.

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 state of mind. The real names of the author must accompany all communications, but will be withheld from publication when the request is made.

Our Boy's Band of Milesburg.

Editor of the Democratic Watchman:
Is a much too often neglected human proposition and a too frequently overlooked and underestimated civic, political or musical potentiality of the future.

In the light of the last named, and standing unique among youthful organizations in Milesburg, is Our Boy's Band. First, and considered as a brass instrumental organization, it is the only Boy's Band in Milesburg and vicinity. No one asks "which Boy's Band," for everybody knows there is but one.

Second, and viewed from the point of age, it is, so far as the writer knows, the only band in Centre county or possibly in the State of Pennsylvania, consisting solely of boys. There are numerous other bands of amateurs, made up partly of boys with the remainder men, but Our Boy's Band is exactly what its name signifies, a playing band made up of boys whose ages range from ten to seventeen years, bringing the average to about thirteen.

Lastly, this band has been supported by public-spirited citizens, and is one of the educational features of Milesburg. On the seventeenth of March, 1913, Saint Patrick's day, Mr. F. L. Wetzler called for volunteers to organize Our Boy's Band. Some thirty-two boys responded and only one of this number could run the scale on an instrument. All the other members had to start from the very beginning and learn both their instruments and musical notation.

The entire teaching, drilling, directing, and business management has been done by one man, F. L. Wetzler, who organized this band just one year ago. Our Boy's Band has withstood the severe test of its first year of organization, and has come through with flying colors. It is a musical bunch of "Live Ones." As an organization it is a credit to its patrons and especially to its projector, F. L. Wetzler, one to which every citizen of Milesburg can point with pride as a living proof that musical potentialities may lie hidden in unsuspected places.

Our Boy's Band made its first public appearance within two months after it was organized, on Memorial day in Bellefonte. Five months later it filled an engagement at Jersey Shore at the fireman's convention; also entered the band contest at the above mentioned place and won third prize. In the first year of its existence it filled seventeen engagements, and earned four hundred and twenty dollars.

The band will give a concert in Wetzler's hall Tuesday evening, March 17th, 1914. The concert will be under the direction of F. L. Wetzler, instructor.

A FRIEND OF "OUR BOYS' BAND."

Tibbets for Prohibition—Not Regulation.

Editor of the Democratic Watchman.

I have a kick coming because I was (probably unintentionally) misrepresented in your editorial comment appended to my communication in last week's WATCHMAN. I am afraid you did not give my letter even a casual reading, else you would hardly have found any ground for the assumption that I preferred the existing partnership between State and city and the liquor business. Nothing contained in my letter warranted any such supposition. However, lest any of my friends in Centre county may have been misled by your comment, I will state in as plain language as I know how to use that I am unalterably opposed to the liquor business in any shape or form. I do not believe in regulation—that has been tried and found wanting—but I do believe in Prohibition—Statewide, Nationwide and Worldwide. I voted dry in the West Virginia campaign and were I now a resident of Pennsylvania I would most assuredly vote dry at every opportunity. I do not believe that any municipality, any State, any nation should be in the liquor business—and I sincerely trust that my native State—the old Keystone—will follow in the footsteps of West Virginia and expel the liquor traffic by means of a constitutional amendment. This is coming just as sure as the rising of the sun, but I would like to see it done soon in old Penn.

I trust you will find room for this letter, so that I may be placed correctly before my old friends and neighbors as regards the liquor business. I want them and all others to know that I am "agin" the booze trade and any influence I may have with those back in the old home will be thrown on the side of civic righteousness and morality when the liquor question comes to a vote in Pennsylvania.

HARRY ULMER TIBBENS,
Wheeling, W. Va., March 10, 1914.

Under the new school code county superintendents of public schools will be elected this year at a meeting of the school directors of the county to convene in Bellefonte the first Tuesday in May. They will serve until the first Monday of May, 1918, and thereafter the elections will be held the second Tuesday in April every four years, the term beginning the first Monday in May instead of the first Monday in June, as it does now. Up to the present time there are no candidates in the field in opposition to county superintendent David O. Etters.

A Question Answered.

Where does the Philadelphia Record stand in the fight that is now on to free the State from a political domination which has been a standing scandal for years? While the lines are forming this paper that should, if it would preserve its honorable traditions, be in the front ranks of the struggle for reform maintains an inscrutable silence and is conspicuous by its absence from the point of attack.

Why is this? Why is it that at a time when practically every other Democratic paper in the State has entered with a vim upon the campaign to nominate and elect Falmes, McCormick and Creasy the Record lingers by the way? The Record has much to say in praise of President Wilson and his Administration, why nothing of moment concerning the men who made Wilson possible and who have done so much to make his Administration the success it has been? Is it possible that the Record is getting ready to eat what it has said about the Wilson Administration and fall in line for the twin Gang Machine? We cannot believe this, but there are a lot of good Democrats in Pennsylvania who would like to see this paper, so potential for good, make more use of its power in the good cause.

Accompanying the clipping was a note from the writer, who said: "This speaks for itself."

Replying to this the Managing Editor of the Record wrote as follows:

G. C. Emigh, Esq., Dear Sir:
I have your esteemed favor of yesterday enclosing a clipping from the York Gazette of March 3rd.

Thank you.
I hope you do not think it desirable that we should pay any public attention to such a view.

Apparently the York Gazette holds the opinion that loyalty to the cause of Democracy and approval of the splendid administration of President Wilson is to be attributed only to the newspapers and voters who support some particular aspirants for the Democratic nominations to be made by a majority of the Democratic voters of Pennsylvania at the primaries, open to all Democrats who desire to vote at the May election.

This is not my personal view, and I am sure that there is nothing in the long record of the Record as an advocate of Democracy that ought to justify any fair-minded man to expect it to hold such an opinion or advocate such doctrine as a part of the creed of any Democrat.

Those of us who have to do with the making of the Record advocate the passage of the law, or series of laws, governing direct nominations of all candidates for public offices, including those to be filled by the electors at the coming November election. Under the terms of the primary law any Democrat, honest and competent, who can secure the necessary number of endorsements or signatures to his petition has a right to be a candidate for any of the offices to be filled. Any man who exercises that right is entitled to fair play. The Record has no right to seek to use its influence against him. It will not. If his character is such that it is apparent that he is not a fit person to hold the office to which he aspires, it is proper that the facts related thereto should be set before the people who are asked to pass upon his candidacy. If it could be proven, for instance, that a man who seeks an important office through a party nomination is corrupt, notoriously unfit or otherwise unworthy the support of honest men for a place of public trust, any man or newspaper being possessed of such information ought to give it to his fellow-citizens; but no man and no newspaper professing to be fair and honest could hope to make any considerable number of honest people believe he or it consistent in the profession of such a trait if after years of argument and endeavor to secure the present primary election law he or it should take the position that the contest for every nomination was not open to every honest man, or that any man or paper that did not advocate some particular candidate or set of candidates against all others were properly subject to the suspicion that they were actuated by motives inimicable to the general good.

Personally, I might favor some particular candidate for the Governorship, the United States Senatorship or any of the other places to be filled by the Democratic electors at the May primaries. Unquestionably, if I am alive and of sufficient health to go to the polls on the primary election day I will cast my vote for such men as I may think best suited to the situation. My conception of the policy of a newspaper professing devotion to the cause of Democracy, however, precludes the possibility that such a newspaper should be so un-Democratic as to take a position against the admission to the primary contest of any Democrat as a candidate for any office to which he may aspire. Of course, I know that efforts have been made, and will continually be made, to delude people into the belief that President Wilson entertains views opposed to this idea, but I know that he does not. If I thought he did I should regard him as a hypocrite instead of holding him, as I do, a thoroughly honest, candid and consistent believer in and worker for the common good as God has given him the light to see it.

I should add that I think enough of President Wilson to believe that he has a high regard for my personal honesty and sincerity; that he has confidence in the possession of like traits by the Record, and that if we should pretend to believe him an advocate of a primary election open only to a chosen few he would regard us with the contempt we should deserve.

I hope you will pardon this long letter, but since you sent me the clipping from the York paper I assumed that you were not familiar with the policy of the Record and were of the impression that there was something in the intimations of the writer of that article that merited public attention. I do not think so, but I am sending the clipping to our editor-in-chief, Mr. Theodore Wright, now in California, resting at the age of 85 years after more than 40 years of honest direction of the Record, and to whose guidance those of us who now try to make the Record owe all the success that has or may attend our efforts.

Respectfully,
JOHN P. DWYER,
Managing Editor.

Several or more dogs from the vicinity of the lime kilns put in their time during the day and part of the night chasing rabbits on the mountain above the Alexander farm, and the little animals have a hard time escaping with their lives on account of the deep snow. Owners of these dogs should do something to prevent them from indulging in this sport, as it is not only a wanton cruelty so far as the rabbits are concerned, but is also against the law.