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A PHANTOM VICTORY FOR REPUBLICANS.

Democrats Gain in Number of Senators and Control House. Hold Vantage Ground.

A statement issued from headquarters of the Democratic National Committee Friday night, characterizes the victory of the party in power as "marvelous in the light of the facts."

"The Republican press talks of a victory achieved at the polls. What was it? They lost three United States Senators, while the Democracy elected all of its Democratic Senators and increased its majority in the Senate from 10 to 16.

Not only has the party made decisive gains in the Senate, which insures control of that body for many years to come, but all records have been broken in the election of a majority in the House.

In analyzing the result of last Tuesday the fact should not be overlooked that the Republican party in 1898 profited by a war with a foreign country; otherwise it could hardly have survived the ensuing Congressional election.

The result of Tuesday is nothing short of marvelous in the light of the facts. The Republicans have achieved a victory invisible. They do not control any branch of the Federal Government.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

KIRK-GILLETTE.—Norman M. Kirk, a son of Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Kirk, of Bellefonte, and Miss Hallie Gillette, of Thief River Falls, Minn., were quietly married on Saturday last week at the home of the bride's sister, at Bemidji, Minn.

SAMPSEL.—Ralph Sampsel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sampsel, of Rockview, and Miss Beatrice Ada Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel N. Ray, of Axe Mann, drove to Centre Hall last Thursday and were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Reformed church by the pastor, Rev. R. Raymond Jones.

FRANTZ-SHAY.—Grover C. Frantz and Miss Emma M. Shay were quietly married in Bellefonte last Friday by justice of the peace Henry D. Brown. Miss Shay is from Howard while her husband is a native of upper Bald Eagle valley.

GOING TO FRANCE WITH BIG CONSIGNMENT OF MOTOR TRUCKS.—Edward Shields, who holds a good position with the White Automobile company, of Cleveland, Ohio, will come to Bellefonte on Saturday of next week and remain over Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shields. On Monday, November 23rd, he will leave for New York whence he and five other representatives of the White company will sail for France with a consignment of 600 White motor trucks for the use of the French army.

POTTER.—William F. Potter, a descendant of one of the old-time Potter families of Centre county, died at 11:30 o'clock Sunday night at the home of his niece, Mrs. James R. Blythe, in Philadelphia, of a general breaking down of the system. Mr. Potter was a staunch Republican and on election day he walked to the polls and voted a straight ticket. When he returned home he told his niece that he was now ready to go as he knew he would never live to cast another vote. He suffered a collapse on Saturday and died on Sunday night.

Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Potter and was born near Pottery Mills on April 4th, 1828, hence at his death was 86 years, 7 months and 5 days old. He received a good education and when a young man taught school in Centre county until 1853 when he went to California with the seekers after gold. For almost forty years he followed the mining camps in California, Nevada and Montana, finally returning to Centre county twenty-three years ago.

Brief funeral services were held at the Blythe home on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning the remains were brought to Bellefonte and taken direct to the Union cemetery for burial in the old Potter lot.

KNECHT.—Raymond L. Knecht, a son of William T. Knecht, cashier of the State bank at Mill Hall, died at the Lock Haven hospital at one o'clock Wednesday morning of typhoid fever. The young man was a Senior student at State College when he contracted the disease. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Sigma fraternity and the day before the election, when the gravity of his condition became apparent, he was taken to the Lock Haven hospital by two of his fraternity brothers. Everything possible was done for him but without avail.

Deceased was born at Parvin, Clinton county, and was twenty-three years of age. He was a graduate of the State Normal school at Lock Haven and was in his last year in a course of electrical engineering at State College. He is survived by his parents, two brothers and two sisters, namely: Frank S. Knecht, of Bellefonte; John W., principal of the public school at Summer Hill; M. Lillian and Mabel E., at the parental home at Mill Hall. He also has many Centre county relatives, as he was a grandson of ex-Sheriff Benjamin Schaeffer, of Nittany. The funeral will be held this morning, burial to be made in the Mt. Bethel cemetery near Clintondale.

BURCHFIELD.—Mrs. Hannah M. Burchfield, widow of William Burchfield, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Beck, of Altoona, last Friday morning after an illness of some weeks with a complication of diseases. She was born at Boalsburg on April 6th, 1833, hence was in her eighty-second year. Fifty-eight years ago she was married to William Burchfield who died over forty years ago. Mrs. Burchfield had made her home in Altoona during the past twenty-one years. She is survived by the following children: Edward L., and Hugh Burchfield, of Altoona; Mrs. Effie Jacobs, of Boalsburg; Mrs. M. J. Beck and Mrs. J. B. Felty, of Altoona.

FOUSE.—Mrs. Eliza Fouse, a native of Centre county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. G. Rudy, in Huntingdon, last Friday morning, aged about seventy-eight years. Her maiden name was Eliza Frank and she was born in Pennsylvania. She was twice married. Her first husband was William Shontz, who was killed during the Civil war. Her second husband, Christian Fouse, died in 1882. She is survived by several children, one of whom is Mrs. Elizabeth Hosterman, of Boalsburg. Burial was made at Petersburg on Sunday afternoon.

MILLER.—George Miller died at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Miller, on east Logan street, at 1:20 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, after a prolonged illness with Potts disease of the spine. He was born in Bellefonte and was 11 years, 6 months and 18 days old. Funeral services were held at the Miller home at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon by Rev. E. H. Yocum, assisted by Rev. C. C. Shuey. Burial was made in the Union cemetery.

WOODWARD.—Joseph W. Woodward, a native of Williamsport and brother of Col. John A. Woodward, of Howard, died at Spokane, Wash., on October 28th, of Ptomaine poisoning, aged sixty-eight years. Mr. Woodward had lived in the west during the past thirty-five years. The remains were brought east and taken to Williamsport where interment was made last Wednesday.

RIMERT.—Mrs. Jane Leathers Rimert died very suddenly at her home at Howard on Tuesday evening, of heart trouble, aged eighty years within two days. She is survived by her husband, William T. Rimert, and one daughter, Mrs. Jack Earl, of Chicago. One brother, William Leathers, of Wichita, Kan., also survives. The funeral will be held today.

Official Vote of Centre County.

At noon on Thursday last week Judge Ellis L. Orvis with David R. Foreman, prothonotary, and L. A. Schaeffer and G. Willard Hall as clerks started the official count of the vote cast at the election on Tuesday, November 3rd. For the information of the voter we publish the vote received by each candidate of the one or more parties by which he was nominated, several of the candidates being the nominee of two or more parties. The Socialist vote in the county continues at about a standstill while the Prohibition vote was the smallest in some years. Following is the official count:

Table listing candidates for various offices including Judge of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Superior Court, United States Senator, Governor, and Representative in Congress, with their respective vote counts.

Table titled 'OFFICIAL VOTE ON CONGRESS' showing the official vote on Congress in the 21st district as computed by the return judges at Clearfield on Tuesday. Columns include County, Tobias, Mayo, Rowland, Ritten, McLaren, and Totals.

Table titled 'OFFICIAL VOTE ON STATE SENATOR' showing the official vote on State Senator in the 34th district. Columns include County, Patterson, Mouthport, Miller, Johnson, Centre, and Totals.

PEG O' MY HEART.—'Peg O' My Heart, Oliver Morosco's production of J. Hartley Manners' comedy, which will be the attraction at Garman on Wednesday evening, November 18th, is one of the very few dramatic offerings nowadays that can boast of a two year's continuous run in New York.

'HAVE I DONE WHAT I COULD?'—The situation in war-stricken Belgium demands the instant attention of the American people. Bellefonte has always responded generously when called upon to aid in time of need, and will not fail in the present appeal. Think of it—millions in dire need; starvation, starvation staring them in the face. Warm underwear, shoes and stockings are so much needed. Money for blankets, clothing, etc., can be sent to Mrs. Spigelmyer or to Mrs. William Derstine. The box must go by Tuesday. Clothes, etc., can be left at the Racket Store or the W. C. T. U. rooms, Saturday and Monday afternoon.

A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE.—The Woman's Club of Bellefonte, in conjunction with the burgess and the borough council, are making arrangements for a community Christmas tree, to be erected on the Diamond Christmas eve and to remain for several days.

There is to be singing of the familiar Christmas carols every evening from 7:30 to 8:00, and it is the desire of the club that everyone of the towns-people, who can do so will join in this singing. Miss Mary Bradley has volunteered to take charge of the singing, and would like the superintendents of the Sunday schools to co-operate with her in having the children rehearse the carols. The first public rehearsal to which all are invited will be held in the High school building on Monday evening, November 23rd, at 8:00 o'clock.

The club would also like as many people as care to, to contribute towards securing and lighting the tree. If any so desire they may send their donations to any one of the following committee: Mrs. Edmund Blanchard, Miss Adaline Olewiese, Mrs. R. S. Brouse, Mrs. J. P. Finestine, Mrs. J. E. Ward, Mrs. Harry Yeager, Mrs. J. L. Montgomery, Miss Lillian Smith, Mrs. H. J. Thompson, Miss Daise Keachline.

Twenty-five cents will buy a cluster of globes, and the committee will be glad for all contributions. Many can contribute at least one cluster, and some more than one.

A surprise birthday dinner was given Mrs. Harvey Griffith at her home Wednesday, by her friends in Bellefonte and Axe Mann. The party which was originated by Mrs. Clayton Brown and some of Mrs. Griffith's neighbors, included about thirty-five of her nearest friends, who went to Axe Mann in automobiles and carriages during the morning, prepared to make ready and serve a sumptuous dinner. The entire day was spent in merry making, as the guests only left when realizing that supper was not to be included in the day's program.

Landlord August Glinz, of the Garman house, received word on Wednesday of the death of his mother, Mrs. Louisa Glinz, at Hanover, Germany, on November 5th.

Trial List for December Court.

Following is the list of civil cases scheduled for trial at the December term of court which begins on Monday, December 7th:

Table listing trial cases for December Court, categorized by First Week, Second Week, and Spring Mills. Includes cases like 'Effe and John Taylor vs. Bubb & Son. Appeal.', 'The National Engraving Co. vs. T. R. Hamilton. Appeal.', etc.

The Germans Take Dixmude

The Smashing Offensive of Kaiser's Troops Make Headway on Line in Belgium.

Driving forward with increasing fury, and battling more violently than at any time since they made their stand along the Aisne river and then swept forward through Belgium, the Germans hammered the defense of the allied forces along the line from Lille to the coast and at the end of the day's fighting had advanced their battle front at many places. The fighting was fiercely waged on both sides. The artillery of the invaders kept up a continual fire on the positions of the French and British forces and the latter were compelled to evacuate many of their positions. The most important gains were made on Belgian soil, where the Germans recaptured Dixmude, held by the Belgian and British forces for the past several days. Here the Kaiser's troops, by a series of desperate attacks, forced the allied forces to retire from the town for the first time in more than a week. They held a commanding position along the Yser river.

Dixmude is in the northwestern end of the Flanders battle line, which runs southeasterly to Ypres, in Belgium, and then southerly to Arras, in France. The vicinity of Dixmude has been the scene of severe fighting since the Germans made their first dash toward Calais, and the Belgian town has suffered greatly by the artillery duelling. Dixmude lies in from the coast, about fifteen miles southeast of Ostend and almost due west from the French port of Dunkirk.

According to reports from Berlin and partly confirmed by the official statements from the Paris war office the Germans, in addition to taking the first line of the allies' positions west of Langemarck, took 2000 prisoners and not to be included in the day's program.

Further along the line and in the region of Ypres, where the Germans for several days have attempted to drive a wedge through the lines of British troops, the Germans claim to have driven the enemy from St. Eloi, while they repelled counter-attacks and held their advantage and positions to the north of Armentieres and dominating that section of the battle line. Near Lille, on French soil, the invaders also progressed and inflicted heavy losses on the French, who attempted to recapture trenches, taken during the past two days.

In the Argonne region, the violent onslaughts of the French forces were repulsed and the advance checked in that section of the field of conflict. The French claim that north of Soissons, on the center of the battle line, their offensive continues to gain ground and that their advance in that region is progressing favorably. To the west of Vailly, on the west bank of the Aisne, successes crowned the efforts of the French troops to gain, but according to the official statement there were no important changes on the front of either of the two armies, the weather permitting only minor engagements.

GERMAN.

"We made good progress Tuesday on the Yser branch of the Ypres and took Dixmude by storm, capturing more than 2000 prisoners and nine machine guns. "Further south our troops crossed the canal, and west of Langemarck captured the first line of the enemy's position. About 2000 infantry were taken prisoners and six machine guns were captured. "South of Ypres we have driven the enemy out of St. Floi. "Despite fierce counter attacks by the British the dominating heights to the north of Armentieres remain in our hands. "Our attack has made progress to the southwest of Lille. The French suffered heavy losses while attempting to recapture commanding heights to the north of Vienne-le-Chateau, in the forest of Argonne, and to the northeast and south of Verdun French attacks were everywhere repulsed. "No important information is at hand from the eastern theater of the war.

"It is officially reported from Vienna that heavy fighting at Shabats and Lesniza was continued through the night and some of the enemy's positions were taken by storm. To the east of Kupanje the pursuit of the enemy is being continued. "There are movements of strong Russian forces in East Galicia and in Bessarabia (a government of South-western Russia), this apparently being in connection with the Turkish war. "General headquarters at Constantinople reports that, although snow is falling and in spite of a heavy atmosphere our offensive on the Caucasian frontier is maintained."

FRENCH.

"The enemy has continued all day his effort of Tuesday without accomplishing any new result. He has directed against Lombaertzyde (two miles north of Nieupoort) a counter attack which has been repulsed, and has made vain attempts to debouch from Dixmude, on the left bank of the Yser. "There is nothing new to report from the rest of the front. "On our left wing the fighting was resumed Tuesday between Nieupoort and the Lys, with a very great degree of severity. Generally speaking, our front was maintained, in spite of the violence and the strength of the German attacks, directed against certain of our points of support. "To the north of Nieupoort we were

even able to recapture Lombaertzyde and advance beyond this town, but toward the end of the day the Germans succeeded in taking possession of Dixmude.

"We still hold our positions on the approaches to this town, along the canal from Nieupoort to Ypres, which has been firmly occupied. The fighting was very hot at these places.

"The British troops, attacked also at several points, succeeded everywhere in stopping the enemy. "On the rest of the front the general situation shows no change, with the exception of slight progress by our forces to the north of Soissons and in the region to the west of Vailly, on the right bank of the Aisne. Outside of these two points the state of the weather permitted only minor engagements, which resulted successfully for us. Particularly at Coincourt, north of the forest of Parroy, on the Franco-German frontier, eighteen miles east of Nancy, we routed a detachment of the enemy."

German Cruiser Destroyed.

The German cruiser Emden, which has been preying upon British commerce in the Orient ever since the beginning of the war in Europe, has been destroyed by the Australian warship Sydney, in the bay of Bengal. This announcement was given out officially by the British admiralty in London.

The Emden was driven ashore upon one of the Cocos islands, or Keeling islands, in the Indian ocean. The loss of life on the Emden is reported to have been heavy. The casualties on the Sydney were three men killed and fifteen wounded.

All possible assistance is now being given to the survivors of the Emden by the various ships which have been dispatched to the scene of the fight.

700 Horses Die in Fire.

Seven hundred horses on the British steamer Rembrandt, which caught fire off the port of Norfolk, Va., have been burned to death and their bodies were thrown overboard.

The captain of the ship says that he believes the vessel was purposely set on fire, declaring that Germans had boasted that the steamer would be blown up before it reached France. The horses were intended for the use of the allies.

The loss to the vessel itself by the fire will be slight.

Dies Six Hours Before He Was to Have Been Executed.

New Jersey's electric chair was cheated when Angelo Cerciello, of Newark, died of fright in the state prison at Trenton.

Cerciello was to have been electrocuted Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. He died at 2:30.

Three days ago Cerciello ate the heads of matches in an attempt at suicide. It was discovered, however, and the prison physicians pumped the poison from his stomach. He fully recovered.

On Tuesday a change came over him and he gradually declined until his death. Cerciello was condemned to death for chopping his wife to pieces with an axe.

Submarine Sinks British Gunboat.

The announcement has been made in London, Eng., that the British torpedo gunboat Niger had been sunk by a submarine in the Downs, the roadstead in the English channel off Deal. It is thought that there was no loss of life.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Mrs. C. M. Trostle is among the sick this week. You don't want to miss the J. Sumner Miller public sale tomorrow.

Farmer J. F. Kimport shipped a ton of pork to Williamsport Tuesday.

Geo. Koch and wife Sunday at grandpa Keller's home on Main street.

Joel Fere departed Thursday for an extended visit in Michigan, his old home.

Walter Woods transacted business in Phillipsburg in the early part of the week.

W. H. Brouse is in the market for turkeys at 18 cents per pound, but finds the birds scarce.

John W. Fry, who has been fast in bed for some time, is now on a fair way to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Mack Fry spent the Sabbath at the W. H. Glenn home, on east Main street.

Samuel I. Corl is building an addition to his barn, 30x60 feet. George Kelley is the builder.

Fred Resides came over the mountain Friday with a bunch of cattle for his block at State College.

Miss Lizzie Fishburn spent several days in the beginning of the week at the old home on the Branch.

Jack frost showed up in earnest Monday night, bursting water pipes and a number of steam engines.

Benner Walker, a prosperous farmer of Colgate township, spent Friday with Hon. J. W. Kepler.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Walker were Sunday visitors at the Clyde Fishburn home on the Branch.

Mrs. Geo. Kustaborder, of Warriorsmark, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Houck.

Willard McGirk, who the past year traveled through the far west for his health, returned very much improved.

While siding with a corn husker Friday Henry L. Dale had his left hand drawn into the granary, receiving an ugly cut.

Clem Fortney, of Altoona, spent several days with friends in and out of town before going for big game on Tuesday morning.

Robert Reed, one of Patton township's tight-laced Democrats and good farmers, spent Thursday with his brother John, in the Glades.

County Commissioner D. A. Grove passed through town Monday evening with a drove of Donkeys, mostly fillies that he intends growing up for the fairs.

Miss Annie Garner sold her farm at Struble last week to Jacob Cramer, for \$5,000. Miss Garner will sell her personal property and move to State College, where she will build a new home.

Put your ad. in the WATCHMAN.