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NON-PARTISAN TICKET.

For Judge of the Superior Court,
WILLIAM H. KELLER, of Lancaster.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Sheriff,
Capt. E. R. "DICK" TAYLOR, of Bellefonte.
 For Prothonotary,
HARRY N. MEYER, Bellefonte.
 For Treasurer,
JAMES E. HARTER, of Penn Twp.
 For Register,
J. FRANK SMITH, of Bellefonte.
 For Recorder,
D. WAGNER GEISS, of Bellefonte.
 For County Commissioners,
Capt. Wm. H. FLY, of Ferguson Twp.
GEORGE M. HARTER, of Marion Twp.
 For District Attorney,
JOHN J. BOWER, of Bellefonte.
 For County Auditors,
J. C. CONDO, of Marion Twp.
HERBERT H. STOVER, of Miles Twp.

Shooting Affair at Central City.

Considerable excitement was occasioned at Central City, on Saturday evening, by the report of five shots in rapid succession and a hurriedly spread rumor that a man had been shot down on the street. Investigation disclosed the fact that the only reason the man hadn't been shot down was because the man who did the shooting was a poor shot, but at that he sent one bullet through the lobe of his victim's left ear, one ball cut him over the thumb of the right hand, one struck the left lap of his coat, cut through the outer cloth without cutting the lining and came out at the fold of the lapel, and another bullet went through his trouser leg on the inside of the left knee without damaging his underclothing. The fifth bullet went wild.

The principals in the affair were Tony Popa, an Italian, and Willis Sowers, and the cause of the shooting was a girl. According to reports Tony was enamored with the girl for two years or more and prior to being called into the service over a year ago not only lavished money upon her but just before he went away gave her some money and personal trinkets to keep for him. While the Italian was playing the part of a soldier the girl in question transferred some of her affections to Sowers, and since the Italian's return there has been more or less enmity between the two men.

Saturday night about 9:30 o'clock they met on the street of Central City near the girl's home and the shooting was the result. As soon as Tony emptied his gun he made a get-away. The affair was later reported to the authorities and an effort was made to apprehend the Italian but up to this writing (Monday afternoon) his whereabouts have not been discovered.

A Big Blacksnake Takes a Youthful Chestnut Hunter.

Last Saturday Billy Curtin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtin, and Evan Blanchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Blanchard, were with a party at the Country club and the two boys decided to go up on the side of the mountain for some chestnuts. The nuts were not very plentiful on the ground and selecting a fair sized tree that was pretty full of burrs Evan decided to climb it and switch off the burrs.

He had no trouble getting up and succeeded in knocking down a quantity of chestnuts but when he began the descent of the tree he was very much startled to see a big blacksnake crawl out of a hole in the tree between him and the ground and partly coil himself on a limb near the trunk of the tree as a sort of guard against poaching on his domains. Naturally Evan made no effort to go down past the snake and all attempts of Billy Curtin to dislodge it by throwing stones and sticks at it proving futile the only thing to do was go for help. So leaving Evan up the tree Billy ran down the mountain to Hecla and told the story of their predicament to a man working for Lawrence McMullen and he went along up the mountain side. When the man and boy reached the place, however, they found that the snake had left the chestnut tree and swung itself onto a smaller tree, so that Evan got to the ground safely.

The snake was about six feet long and the fact that it was quite active and crawling around at this time of year when all wise snakes ought to be holed up, is taken as evidence that mild weather may be expected for some time to come.

At the State convention of the American Legion held in Harrisburg last week Major H. Laird Curtin was named as one of the delegates to attend the National encampment to be held in Minneapolis the second week in November.

WHO THE CANDIDATES ARE.

In order that the voters of Centre county may know exactly who and what manner of men are asking to be made their county officials the "Watchman" is going to publish a brief historical sketch of those whose election it advocates. We do this with a feeling of pride, for certainly seldom has the personnel of any ticket presented by any party comprised such a group of men of splendid equipment and high character.

These are times when the very foundations of government are shaking and to maintain confidence in and guarantee the justice of our institutions it is necessary to have men of the highest standard, strong christian men in all of our offices.

We call your most critical attention to the sketches of the lives of the gentlemen here presented, feeling sure that their superiority will be evident.



Capt. E. R. "DICK" TAYLOR.

Capt. Taylor was born in Bellefonte, November 27th, 1878, and all of his life has been spent in this community, with the exception of the years he has served abroad with the army of our country. His education was secured in the public schools and at the age of sixteen he entered an apprenticeship for the plumbing trade which he mastered in such a way as to earn for himself the reputation of being a splendid mechanic.

For a man not yet forty-one years of age he has a military record which we feel is scarcely equalled by any man living who has not made soldiering his profession. On July 2nd, 1895, he enlisted as a private in Co. B, 5th Reg. N. G. P. and served with that organization until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, in 1898. On April 27th of that year the regiment was called into service and he was with it until it was mustered out on the 11th of the following November.

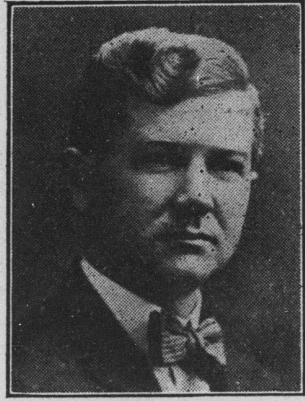
When President McKinley called for volunteers to put down the Philippine insurrection in 1899 Dick responded. He enlisted September 9th, 1899, and was assigned to Co. D, 47th Reg. as a private. Before sailing for the Philippines he was promoted to a sergeant and on November 2nd shipped for the scene of a long and hazardous campaign. He was fighting insurgents for nineteen months. At that time he took part in twenty-nine major engagements and after returning to the States was honorably discharged on July 2nd, 1901.

A month after his return he took charge of the repair work at the Bellefonte gas and steam plant and a month later was made assistant superintendent, which position he capably filled until the fall of 1909, when he resigned to accept the position of military instructor in the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory at Huntingdon. This position he filled with marked ability until the call for patriotism again brought him to Uncle Sam and he enlisted with Troop L, 1st Penna. Cavalry, on June 25th, 1916, for service on the Mexican border. There he served with rank of a Lieutenant for seven months and upon the return home of his command he resumed his position in Huntingdon. While drilling with Troop L, at this place, on May 6th, 1917, he was accidentally kicked by a horse and suffered a broken leg. But two months later we find him volunteering for service in the world war and going off to Camp Hancock with his troop. There it was disbanded and "Dick" was assigned to Co. K, 110th Inf., of which organization he was in command. They sailed for France May 2nd, 1917, and were fifteen days crossing.

His first work on the other side was in support of the British, French and Marines and digging trenches which kept him busy until July 12th, when his command was sent to the front line. Two days later, when the Germans started their last big offensive, he was in the fighting. He was in the front line acting with the French and was out reconnoitering a position near Courthezy, on the Marne, that his company was to take over on July 18th, when he was surprised by a squad of Germans and taken prisoner. He remained in the hands of the Huns until November 27th, when he was released, but was in such a condition that he could not rejoin his command for a month. After his capture he was promoted to the rank of Captain and when he was mustered out of the service, last May 24th, his men presented him with a gold watch as a mark of their esteem for him as a commander and as a man.

In infancy he was baptized in the Episcopal church by the late Rev. John Hewitt and has been a communicant member of that denomination ever since. Capt. Taylor is married and has a family of four children.

Nine year old Dorothy Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew B. Young, had the misfortune to fall from the rear porch at their home on south Allegheny street last Friday and break her left wrist.

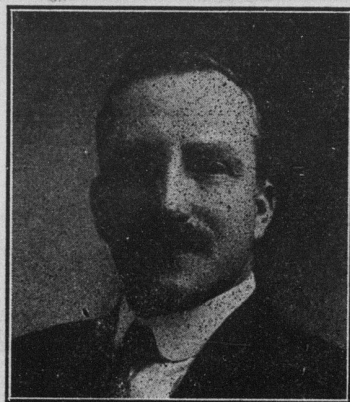


HARRY N. MEYER.

Harry N. Meyer, candidate for Prothonotary of Centre county, was born on the Jacob S. Meyer homestead, in Penn township, on May 19th, 1877. His early life was spent on his father's farm where he worked and attended the public schools, later taking a course at the Spring Mills Academy. In 1897 he entered the Millersville Normal from which institution he was graduated in 1900. Then he was elected superintendent of the schools of Coburn where he taught two years having gone from there to a similar position in the Millheim schools. In connection with his teaching he was a special representative of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance company, and later state organizer for the I. O. O. F. fraternal insurance with sixteen counties in Central Pennsylvania. He was chosen chief clerk to the board of County Commissioners on January 1st, 1912, and is serving most efficiently in that capacity at this time.

Mr. Meyer is married and has a son and two daughters. His wife is a daughter of J. C. Condo, of Penn Hall. When a boy of fifteen he joined the Reformed church and was a deacon during his eleven years residence in Millheim, as well as superintendent of the Sunday schools for eight years.

At present Mr. Meyer is affiliated with St. John's Reformed church, Bellefonte. He has always been a staunch advocate of Temperance and is generally regarded here as a man of splendid character, high ideals and public usefulness.



JAMES E. HARTER.

James E. Harter, candidate for the office of County Treasurer, is nearly fifty years old. He was born on the Andrew Harter farm in Penn township, December 26th, 1869. All of his early life was spent on the farm and his education was acquired in the schools of Penn township and at the Spring Mills Academy.

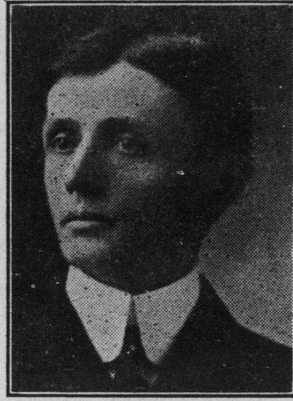
Having taken a course at the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston, he devoted his time to music until 1898, when he embarked in the general store business at Coburn. He was successful in the mercantile line and continued in it for seven years when he sold out and formed a connection with his brother in the retail piano business.

From youth he has been an ardent member of the Lutheran church and since 1891 has been a deacon and elder, respectively, of Trinity church of Coburn. He is a member of Lodge 955, I. O. O. F., of Millheim, was chairman of the Penn township Liberty Loan committees and was one of the very active men in all of the war work carried on in the lower end of the county.

Mr. Harter has held several elective offices in his own township, school director and tax collector, and made good records in both of them.

Harry Winton has been awarded the contract by the Pennsylvania railroad company to carry all local mails between the postoffice and railroad. In the old location the carrier was paid by the Postoffice Department, but as the postoffice is now located within a thousand feet of the railroad depot, it is up to the railroad company to provide the carrier. But at that it is mostly a matter of book-keeping as the railroad company will likely get it all back on their rates for carrying the mails.

James Glenn, young son of Mr. and Mrs. George Glenn, got a bad fall last week while doing some work at the stable and broke his collar bone.



D. WAGNER GEISS.

D. Wagner Geiss, candidate for Register, was born in Potter township, April 15th, 1870. He lived in Centre Hall until 1900 and it was in the schools of that place that he received his early education; later having attended Prof. Wolf's summer school at Spring Mills and the Lebanon Business College.

In the fall of 1900 he came to Bellefonte to enter the employ of the late Edward K. Rhoads, coal and grain merchant, and remained as his superintendent and accountant until 1913 when he embarked in the produce commission business which, with his livery, is his present occupation.

Mr. Geiss is a member of the Lutheran church, the Masons, P. O. S. of A., Maccabees, Woodsmen and is treasurer of the Bellefonte lodge L. O. O. M.

He has held various precinct elective offices in Bellefonte and was mercantile appraiser for Centre county in 1897. He is married and has three children.



JOHN J. BOWER.

John J. Bower is a son of the late Calvin M. and Ella Meyer Bower. He was born in Bellefonte, May 9th, 1875. Was graduated from the Bellefonte High school and completed his preparatory education at the Bellefonte Academy; having later been graduated from Franklin and Marshall College.

He read law with the firm of Orvis, Bower and Orvis, and was admitted to practice in 1900 since which time he has been actively engaged in his profession, both in the courts of Pennsylvania and the District Court of the United States.

He is a member of the Reformed church, a Mason, Bellefonte Lodge of Elks, the Bellefonte Board of Trade and the Logan Fire company. He has always been active in every forward movement in this community and is known about Bellefonte as one of the men who is ready at a moment's notice to do his bit in whatever is to be done for the public welfare.

It is rather a coincidence that Mr. Bower is now contesting with Mr. Furst for the County Attorneyship, for just ten years ago he defeated the same gentleman for Burgess of Bellefonte by a handsome majority.

Opening of Game Season.

Beginning next Wednesday, October 15th, it will be lawful to hunt and shoot bear in Pennsylvania and the season will last until December 15th. Bear are becoming quite numerous in the mountains of Pennsylvania and are worth going after for the meat as well as the pelt.

Squirrel, pheasants and quail will come in season on Monday, October 20th, and it will be lawful to hunt all three until November 30th inclusive. Centre county was closed to the killing of pheasants last season but this year it will again be lawful to kill these game birds. But remember the limit is but four in one day and twenty-four in a season. Woodsmen report pheasants as being quite plentiful this year so they ought to furnish good sport.

Only six squirrels may be killed in one day and twenty in a season, but as they are reported as being very scarce it is hardly likely any hunter will be taxed very hard to keep from breaking the law.

Thrift and Savings.

Eugene H. Weik, principal of the Bellefonte High school, has inaugurated the government plan of teaching the thrift and savings movement in the Bellefonte High school and chairman W. Harrison Walker has suggested the idea for adoption in all other High schools in Group No. 3. Three prizes have been offered to the three pupils who will write the best essay on the subject during the month of October. Every school in Group 3 should organize these savings societies immediately, and industrial plants and business organizations should organize societies among their employees. Centre county now has a per capita of \$2.11 and continues to hold second place in the district.

The State College Boot Shop is now carrying a complete line of Red Cross shoes which they are offering to the people of State College and vicinity. See their advertisement on page 3.

KELLY.—Mrs. Sarah J. Kelly, widow of Theodore Kelly, died at her home on east Bishop street on Tuesday night after an illness of four months following an operation at the Lock Haven hospital.

She was a daughter of James and Margaret McMullen Woods and was born at Centre Hill, in Potter township, about sixty-nine years ago. Her girlhood life was spent at the place of her birth and in Bellefonte and vicinity and in 1872 she was united in marriage to Theodore Kelly and ever since had been a resident of Bellefonte. She was a lifelong member of St. John's Catholic church, a devout christian woman, and had many friends who sincerely mourn her death.

Her husband passed away in 1882 leaving her with two sons, William T. and David J. Kelly, both of whom survive. She also leaves one brother, William Woods, of State College. Among the friends who are here for the funeral which will be held from St. John's Catholic church at ten o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) morning are Mr. and Mrs. David J. Kelly, with their three children, Mary, Frank and Theodore, of Ford City; Miss Betty Heinle, of New York, and Mrs. Hewes, a cousin, of New York city.

HAINES.—Mrs. Luther Haines, of Lewisburg, but for many years a resident of Centre county, passed away at the Geisinger hospital, in Danville, on Saturday afternoon following an operation the day previous for the removal of an abscess. Mrs. Haines had been ailing for some time and was taken to the Danville hospital on September 26th.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Auman and was born at Coburn, this county, in 1877, hence was about forty-two years old. She was married to Mr. Haines thirteen years ago and they made their home at Woodward until three years ago when they moved to Lewisburg. In addition to her husband she is survived by one daughter, Edna Elizabeth. She also leaves her parents living at Coburn and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Sarah A. Twigg, of Lock Haven; Mrs. Lottie Rogers, of Mill Hall; Alfred and Jacob Auman, at home.

The remains were taken from the hospital to her late home at Lewisburg where brief funeral services were held on Monday morning and on Monday afternoon the body was taken to Woodward where final services were held by Rev. Kehrs, of the Evangelical Association, burial being made in the Woodward cemetery.

MARSHALL.—William Allen Marshall, a native of Centre county, died at his home in Kansas City, Kansas, on Wednesday, October 1st, following an illness of some weeks. He was a son of Joseph W. and Mary Allen Marshall and was born in Buffalo Run valley on July 25th, 1850, hence was 69 years, 3 months and 6 days old. When a young man he taught school in Centre county and in 1880 he went to Kansas and taught there a number of years. He quit teaching to become a general agent for the International Harvester company and his success in this line led the company to send him to South America on two different occasions to introduce the push binders into the great Argentina wheat belt in the vicinity of Buenos Aires. For many years past he had made his home in Kansas City.

His wife died on October 25th, 1918, but surviving him is one son, Charles, and an adopted daughter, Verna. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Joseph L., on the old homestead in Buffalo Run valley; James G., of Niagara Falls; Mrs. George H. Musser, of Boggs township; Mrs. Etta Shively, of Buffalo Run, and Mrs. Alice Alexander, of near Unionville. Burial was made in Kansas City.

Interchurch Movement in Centre County.

Rev. R. Raymond Jones, of Centre Hall, and Hon. Ives L. Harvey, of Bellefonte, will have charge of the Interchurch movement in Centre county. They have divided the county on the lines of the twelve Sunday school districts and appointed leaders of each district. These leaders have already begun the work of making the survey in their respective districts. It is likely that in Centre county the conditions will be found to be similar to that of the rest of the county. This survey should help Centre county in solving its most perplexing religious problem, namely, overchurching. It is hoped that this movement will receive the hearty support of the ministers and all others who are asked to assist in furnishing information to those making the survey.

Last Saturday morning Mrs. Robert Walters and Mrs. Susan Brickley, of Shiloh, drove to Bellefonte in the buggy to do some shopping. At noon they went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Poorman, on east High street, for dinner.

As they were in the act of feeding their horse on the street the animal frightened at something and ran out High street to Wilson, south on Wilson to Bishop street and down Bishop. The animal fell down but quickly regaining its feet continued on down the street to the intersection of Bishop with Allegheny street where it ran into an auto delivery truck that Clarence Turner was driving. The horse was caught at that place and aside from several small cuts was uninjured and the buggy was very little damaged. But the Ford truck sustained a stove-in radiator, one light broken, and a badly bent fender. Just what frightened the horse is unknown.

Aviator Budwig Leaves Bellefonte.

After making Bellefonte his headquarters for almost seven weeks aviator Gilbert B. Budwig shook the dust of the town off his feet and metaphorically spreading his wings flew away on Tuesday to other scenes to conquer. To be exact he went to Milton where he will do stunts for the patrons of the Milton fair this week and incidentally take all who desire a flight through the air at the rate of a dollar a minute a ride in his Curtis machine. Next week he will be one of the attractions at the Lewisburg fair and then he will stick his nose in the wind and head for the southern part of California. His original plan was to spend the winter in Florida but reports that he received recently indicate California as a better field for flyers just now and this was the cause of his changing his decision from Florida. He expects to fly a portion of the way but had not definitely decided on how far when he left Bellefonte.

During the six weeks or more aviator Budwig was in Bellefonte he took up dozens of passengers, some of whom insisted on getting all the thrills that go with airplane travel, and in not a single instance did he have an accident or anything near being one. In fact the ease and comfort with which he took up passengers has divested the flying game of much of the fear with which it had originally been viewed by many people in Bellefonte and Centre county, and if flying ever reaches that point where it won't form such a touching acquaintance with a man's pocketbook there will be little hesitancy on the part of the people of Bellefonte in taking a trip at every opportunity.

Thirty-three Foreigners Naturalized.

At the regular session of naturalization court held in Bellefonte last Thursday citizenship papers were granted to thirty-three foreigners, most of the number being Austrians from Clarence. Six petitions were dismissed, two because the applicants had died since the papers had been filed and four for other reasons. The list of those granted citizenship is as follows:

- Vtdinecz Teodorowicz, Austria Hungaria, Osceola Mills.
- Emily Verriehio, Italian, Bellefonte.
- Dimonte Verreschia, Italian, Bellefonte.
- Nich Gianfelice, Italian, Bellefonte.
- Frank Sciortino, Italian, Bellefonte.
- Mike Luakovic, Austrian, Bellefonte.
- John Davko, Austrian, Clarence.
- George Josek, Koner, Austrian, Clarence.
- Andrew J. Bolosh, Austrian, Clarence.
- Joseph S. Puhalla, Austrian, Clarence.
- John Kessak, Austrian, Clarence.
- Joe Kocik, Austrian, Clarence.
- Nick Koleno, Austrian, Clarence.
- Jon Marjak, Austrian, Clarence.
- Frank Kocik, Austrian, Clarence.
- Joe Puidask, Austrian, Clarence.
- Andy Petro, Austrian, Clarence.
- Martin Duracko, Austrian, Clarence.
- Steve Baron, Austrian, Clarence.
- Andre Danke, Austrian, Clarence.
- George Konick, Austrian, Clarence.
- Gasper Paulik, Austrian, Clarence.
- Andy Hawath, Austrian, Clarence.
- Emro Facipka, Austrian, Clarence.
- John Dubrasky, Austrian, Clarence.
- Andro Cingel, Austrian, Clarence.
- John Kaseak, Austrian, Clarence.
- John Skerencak, Austrian, Clarence.
- Steve Olin, Austrian, Clarence.
- John Parney, Austrian, Clarence.
- Josek Genak, Austrian, Clarence.
- Lawrence Zingel, Austrian, Clarence.

Union County's Big Fair October 14-17.

Union county's greatest fair fixed for October 14, 15, 16 and 17, promises to excel any previous exhibit by the agricultural society. Three days of fast horse racing, daily band concerts by bands of reputation, fakirs galore, a midway only surpassed by Coney Island, big daily features in front of the grand stand, shows and side shows, female acrobats in glaring pink tights, performing animals, an unusually large exhibit of live stock, poultry, farming machinery, farm products, fancy work and monster crowds.

Due to the fact that the Union county fair will be held near the close of the circuit of the fairs in this section, there will be an unusually large number of horses, fakirs, shows and exhibitors on the ground. Already large numbers have asked for privileges, and every bit of available space in the buildings has been given out.

Special rates will prevail on all railroads, and on Thursday the regular excursion will be run from Centre county, enabling any who desire to attend to go down and return home the same day.

Rasmussen—Elliott.—Frederick Rasmussen, Secretary of Agriculture of Pennsylvania, and Miss Faith Winifred Elliott, of Hillsdale, Mich., were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Warren Elliott, in Hillsdale, at four o'clock last Thursday afternoon. The wedding is of interest to Centre county because of the fact that during the past two years the bride has been a member of the faculty at State College, connected with the department of home economics, while Mr. Rasmussen, prior to being appointed Secretary of Agriculture by Governor Sprout was head of the department of dairy husbandry at the college. They will take up their residence in Harrisburg the first of December.

Notwithstanding the fact that attorney W. G. Runkle shipped the books in the Irvin Gray case to Pittsburgh by express last Friday they had not yet arrived when he and his associate, ex-Judge Ellis L. Orvis, James C. Furst and N. B. Spangler arrived in the Smoky city on Monday to hear the appeal of Irvin G. Gray before the Supreme court. All efforts to locate the books proving futile the learned judges on the Supreme court bench permitted the attorneys to return home on Wednesday, stating that they would render a decision after the books arrived.

They are all good enough, but the "Watchman" is always the best.