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## DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

For Judge of the Superior Court, CHARLES D. McAVOY, of Montgomery County.

## DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Sheriff, E. R. TAYLOR, of Bellefonte.

For Prothonotary, S. CLAUDE HERR, of Bellefonte.

For Treasurer, LYMAN L. SMITH, of Centre Hall.

For Register, FORREST S. OCKER, of Miles Twp.

For Recorder, SINIE H. HOY, of Benner Twp.

For County Commissioners, JOHN S. SPEARLY, of Benner Twp.

JAMES W. SWABB, of Harris Twp.

For District Attorney, ARTHUR C. DALE, of Bellefonte.

For County Auditors, JONATHAN S. CONDO, Marion Twp.

HERBERT H. STOVER, Miles Twp.

For Coroner, Dr. E. L. JONES, of Philipsburg.

For County Surveyor, H. B. SHATTUCK, of State College.

An Error—Corrected.

Under the caption "Let the Statements Tell the Story," published on the front page of last week's "Watchman" we inadvertently made a mistake that we here wish to correct.

Quite possibly many of you failed to notice it, but whether you did or not makes no difference. We don't want the value of the "Watchman" as a truthful purveyor of facts impaired by failure to prevent or neglect to correct an error.

In our statement of the county indebtedness, both as to the amount at the time the Democratic board of Commissioners turned the office over to their Republican successors and as to the amount on January 1st, 1923, after three years under the latter management, we stated that it was exclusive of the \$100,000.00 bond issue.

Such was not the case. In each statement the bond issue should have been included.

This misstatement, however, in no wise affected the facts we presented as to what the former board did in the way of reducing the county indebtedness and what the present board has done.

Their relative achievements remain exactly the same as was stated last week.

## Preparing to Press the Bonus.

President Coolidge has not thus far indicated his purposes with respect to the soldiers' bonus but it is reasonably certain that he will be compelled to speak on the subject soon.

The soldiers are preparing to press the matter as soon as possible after the assembling of Congress and are already organizing a movement on the White House. They reason that crippled soldiers of the war have as much right to help from the public treasury as crippled railroads, more especially as there are serious doubts as to whether the railroads were crippled in serving the government or hamstrung by selfish officials.

The claimants in the matter fondly hope and firmly believe that President Coolidge will approve the legislation they ask. His predecessor in office vetoed the bill on the ground that there was no money available to pay the bonuses. But at the same time he urged the payment of a subsidy to the ship owners to an amount equal, if not greater, than the bonus requirement would have been. The impression is that Coolidge is not committed to the ship subsidy proposition and therefore will easily find funds to pay the bonus. Besides they firmly believe that the bonus bill can be passed over the President's veto.

The Republican party was committed to the bonus proposition by resolution of the National convention that nominated Mr. Harding and Mr. Coolidge. The Democratic National convention pledged the party to justice for the soldiers without specifically declaring for a bonus. In the last Congress a much larger proportion of Democrats voted for the bonus than Republicans and the present hope of the veterans is based on the greatly reduced Republican majority in the next Congress. In this we believe they will not be disappointed. Most Democrats favor the bonus and there will be no strings to prevent an expression of their views.



Sinie H. Hoy.

Sinie H. Hoy, candidate for Recorder of Centre County is a son of the late H. K. and Mary Fishburn Hoy, and was born in Benner township, on June 19th, 1871. His early life was spent on the farm and his education acquired in the schools of Benner township and at the Academies at Spring Mills, Zion and Pleasant Gap.

After teaching school for five years he married and went to farming, in 1890, on the Dale farm on which the fish hatchery at Pleasant Gap is now located. When it was sold to the State he bought the Hoy homestead in Benner township where he has been very successful as a practical farmer.

He has been active in public affairs. An auditor of the township for fifteen years and of the county as well, so that he already has had some experience in the routine of the court house offices. Enough, at least, when supported by his natural ability, to guarantee that he would make a very capable and creditable official.

Mr. Hoy is married, has six sons and is a member of the Reformed church.

He is a courteous, energetic gentleman about whose competence for the office he seeks there cannot be the slightest question.

As Recorder of Deeds for Centre county he would make a splendid official.

## Borough Council Held Brief Meeting Monday Night.

Eight members were present at the regular meeting of borough council on Monday evening. The secretary reported that in a telephone communication with John F. Ginter, of Tyrone, treasurer of the Pruner Orphanage fund, that gentleman stated that he is perfectly willing to give a bond but had not done so because the Finance committee of the Tyrone council had objected to paying the premium. According to the will of the late Edward Pruner the premium on the bond is to be paid out of the funds in the hands of the treasurer, and the Finance committee of Bellefonte council was instructed to see that the treasurer gave bond.

The Street committee reported the ditch dug for a sewer line on Cherry alley.

The Water committee reported that the Coleville water line has been completed with the exception of the installation of a meter at the American Lime & Stone company line.

The Fire and Police committee reported the purchase of two new traffic regulation signs.

The Finance committee reported a balance of \$4,000 in the borough treasury and requested the renewal of two notes for \$1,000 each, which was authorized.

The borough manager stated that he expected to build the concrete steps up Halfmoon hill within a week or ten days, and that nothing definite had been done regarding the sewer on Lamb street, along the High school grounds.

Henry S. Linn appeared before council in regard to the burning refuse at the dump on their property on Beaver street. He stated that they have done everything they know to put out the fire and prevent people from dumping stuff there that will burn, and suggested that a good way to prevent dumping there would be to open the street. He stated that they will give the land to the borough free of charge if the street is opened. Mr. Linn also called attention to the fact that last winter the most of the water from the roof of the Masonic Temple overflowed onto their pavement and froze into ice, making it very dangerous for travel. This was occasioned because of no proper outlet from the spouting on the Masonic building. The Street committee was instructed to request the trustees of the building to make the necessary changes so that the water can be taken care of.

Mr. Cunningham called attention to the fact that the Elks' Halloween carnival will be held before another meeting of council and suggested that the chief fire marshal with his fire patrol be asked to serve as extra policemen on that occasion. There being no dissenting opinions the Fire and Police committee was instructed to take the matter up with the burgesses.

Joseph Thal asked permission of council to increase the size of his store on High street by making it some three feet wider and extending it back some distance in the rear. The matter was referred to the Fire and Police committee to arrange with Mr. Thal.

Bills to the amount of \$3492.79 were approved and council adjourned.

The ladies of the Lutheran church will hold a bake sale at Schaeffer's hardware store tomorrow, Saturday. All are invited to patronize it and assured of many delicious edibles for the home.

## The Militia is Called Out.

The Bellefonte Republican last week launched a great flanking movement against the Taylor army that has been marching so steadily and ominously against the public buildings of Centre county in which captain-general Bill Brown has entrenched himself.

It wants the world to know that when it comes down to soldiers that's what Bill is most. It fails to exude pride as it points to the "long, honorable military career of Brown." And then parades him through a quarter of a century of service in the National Guard of Pennsylvania.

Far be it from us to detract one jot or tittle from the lustre of his service; from his motives or his methods.

It is an old saying that "there is no competition among gentlemen" and we agree with the Republican in its assertion that the same is true among soldiers. But then there are soldiers and soldiers. All gallant fellows, to be sure, but with vast differences in what they have done.

It is not to bring out the difference in the service rendered by Taylor and Brown that Capt. Dick's record has been published in this campaign. It was only to fairly present to the public what this man has done voluntarily because we believe the public wants to know it and reward him.

Dick Taylor has given five years and two months to his country. He doesn't count his service in the National Guard. He was in the Philippines, he was on the Mexican border and he was in the world's war. A volunteer every time and in 1898, when he went out with old Co. B, of the 5th, and Bill staid to join the emergency Co. M, he was only four months younger than Bill and the country's call for 500,000 men was never filled.

We promised ourselves at the opening of this campaign that the "Watchman" would not indulge in personalities and we don't propose to be drawn any further into them. But since the Republican insists on the ridiculous plan of inventing a comparison of the military records of Taylor and Brown we shall go so far as to ask whether it can produce a discharge that will show that Mr. Brown ever was in the service of the United States. If it can we'll publish it and admit that we are wrong in saying that he has nothing in the way of real service to compare with that of Capt. Dick Taylor.

Centre county would probably have never known what a great soldier Dick Taylor was had it not been for this campaign. He is so modest, so diffident, so self-effacing in all that he does. He hasn't wrapped the star-spangled banner about him and strutted over the county proclaiming his valor. It would take a press bigger than was ever built to squeeze out of Dick the fact that he had ever served his country. Others are doing it, however.

Only a few weeks ago we published the wonderful letter that Col. Thompson, of the 78th wrote him. Col. Thompson is a Republican, a lawyer, was a Senator from Allegheny county, is the only Congressional medal of honor man in the 78th Div., has the croix-de-guerre, and the Legion of Honor of France and was wounded four times. He told of the kind of soldier Dick Taylor was over seas.

Col. Wilbur Leitzel, of State College, a Republican, whose shoulder was shattered while he was standing with his arm on Col. Thompson's shoulder at the time Dick was captured, will tell you what his valor meant to France and the world.

The thirty-five over seas men from Oseola, the seventy-seven from Bellefonte, the twenty-five from State College who have loyally banded themselves together for aid of their old comrade are telling his story.

And just as we were writing this came a special delivery letter from Detroit, Michigan, in which the story is told again. All over the country the eyes of former residents are looking back to see whether the old home county is going to do what they would have it do.

Read what "tall, skinny, red-headed Dick" did when things were hottest."

Detroit, Mich., October 15, 1923.

The Editor, The Democratic Watchman, Bellefonte, Pa.

Dear Sir:

With a great deal of pleasure, I read in the columns of the "Democratic Watchman," that E. R. Taylor, ("Dick," as I affectionately think of him) has been nominated for the office of Sheriff of Centre county. The pleasure I felt was more or less dampened by the thought of what happened when the same man was a candidate for the same office just a few years ago.

Frankly, and I hesitate to write this on account of my many and valued friends in Centre county, I was ashamed of the electorate who refused office to a man eminently fitted for it in every way and whose life has been unselfishly given to his country, not once, but many times.

It is not for me to suggest that any one should be rewarded with public office because of a splendid military record. However, I cannot help but have the absolute belief that if a man, on account of his experience, is pre-eminently fitted for the office for which he is a candidate—and that same man does have a military record which any one with red blood in his veins envies, he should be elected, even in a county where the bulk of the voting public is of the opposite party.

Surely there is some sense of justice and gratitude, even in politics. Might it therefore be suggested to the voters of Centre county to exercise both, and give to E. R. Taylor the office of Sheriff? They cannot dare to hope that it is a fitting reward for the service he has so ably rendered them.

Other men served their country during the world war, but it is my humble opinion that no man anywhere made greater sacrifices to serve, or in that service gave more. In the thick and muck of it all, there is one figure that stands out in my memory above all others, and that is the tall, skinny, red-headed "Dick," when things were hottest and the men, untrained through no fault of theirs, were in confusion, his cool and calm direction restored order and started them toward the right goal.

Captured by the Germans, because he held his position when commanders on both flanks fell back, he spent months in prison camps and it was my pleasure to see the reception given him by his men on his return. Ask any of them what they felt when their Captain came back.

Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to have the privilege of telling the people of Centre county about it all,—if they knew, there could be but one answer.

Sincerely,

FRED YEAGER.

## The President of the Centre Hall Borough Council Has More to Say.

Editor The Democratic Watchman, Bellefonte, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to the statements made by the Centre Hall Reporter, in its issue of October 11th permit me, through your columns, to state that the editor of the Reporter is evidently suffering with failure of memory.

A few years ago, when the old water plant was purchased by the borough council his paper, the Reporter, advocated the purchase as being a very advantageous one for the taxpayers, but now a different ox seems to be goled.

As to the different springs furnishing the water supply the one designated as the Mountain spring of the old plant always was regarded as being the most dependable along the mountain, and is yet.

The spring known as Meyer's spring always supplied from twenty to twenty-five families. Today it has a flow that will fill a two inch pipe but it happens to be the one in question.

The borough derives no benefit from it for the reason that the old wooden reservoir is rotted beyond service for impounding its water and certainly it should be renewed or rebuilt. Many communities would be only too glad to have such a supply of water as is wasting there and would

hasten to conserve it.

The Borough road, known to us all as the mountain end of the state highway that passes through Centre Hall, is under repair now. The last General Assembly, on May 18th, passed an Act regulating that. When we had notice of it from our attorneys in Bellefonte we had interviews—not one, but several—with the Highway Department at Bellefonte, and made all necessary arrangements to put it on the map by getting repairs under way. This is the same piece of road that was improved a year ago by council, under the supervision of the State Highway superintendent and for which we were called to account by the senior editor through his club, the Reporter, for squandering the taxpayer's money. It proved out, however, and we were commended by the public for having done the work. It cost only \$360.00 or 18 cent per lineal foot.

Possibly these explanations will suffice for awhile and we now turn our other cheek for more censure. We do not claim to be infallible.

E. H. HUYETT,  
President Borough Council of Centre Hall.

—On October 15th the conductors, brakemen and other uniformed trainmen of the Pennsylvania railroad donned their winter attire.



For Register, Forrest S. Ocker.

From a group of men, all of whom are as clean and capable as that composing the Democratic nominees for county offices in Centre county this fall it is impossible, of course, to pick one more outstanding than the others in character and ability.

Talking with a prominent Republican leader some time before the primaries as to the probable make up of the tickets of the two parties he expressed himself as being eager only for one eventuality. "I want," said he, "our party to name men whom we won't have to spend the whole campaign apologizing for."

It appeared to us as a mighty creditable hope the gentleman was expressing. And if we were to tell you who he is some would look with credulity on the credit we give him for it. We know he has been disappointed. Not so with us, for there isn't a man on the Democratic ticket who has a thing to hide, either in his private or public life or about whose ability to fill the office he seeks there can be the slightest question.

Among this group of unusually clean candidates is Forrest S. Ocker, who aspires to the office of Register of the county. Mr. Ocker is a native Centre county man; having spent most of his life in Miles township. As a very young man he became a school teacher, but at the age of twenty-four gave up his vocation as a pedagogue to embark in the mercantile business at Centre Hall, with the firm of Wolf and Crawford. After two years service there he came to Bellefonte to accept a clerkship in the store of Joseph Bros. & Co., with whom he remained for eight years. He left them to take a position with J. D. Gast and Son, of Mifflinburg, and from there joined the sales force of Clauss Bros., of Allentown, jobbers of shoes and shoe findings. His present employment is as salesman of the G. F. Musser Co., wholesale grocers of this place.

By education, by nature, by experience Mr. Ocker is equipped to fill the office of Register to the satisfaction of every one.

The public records are matters in which we are all interested. Consequently we should all be interested in selecting men of integrity and competency to keep them. Knowing that Mr. Ocker is one of that class we urge you to vote for him in November.

## Marriage Licenses.

Dolan Cogan and Violet A. Thompson, Pine Trough, Pa.

Ernest J. Musser, Lemont, and Esther M. Carner, State College.

Russell Kanarr and Clara Robb, Flemington.

Samuel R. McCartney and Lucy Ellen Confer, Mount Eagle.

George S. Hume, Ottawa, Ont., and Marguerite L. Bailey, State College.

Charles M. Houser and Ida L. Whiteside, of Bellefonte.

William Williamson, South Philipsburg, and Laura E. Williams, Philipsburg.

John E. Burd, Coburn, and Tileiah A. Vonada, Millheim.

—M. A. Landsy, landlord of the Brokerhoff house, does not believe in hiding his light under a peck measure, hence has erected on the top of the south end of the hotel a large sign for the hotel, which is brilliantly illuminated at night and can be seen a mile away. He is also having made two new signs to adorn the tops of the lamp posts in front.

—Word has been received in Bellefonte of the marriage at Detroit, Mich., last week, of Robert Taylor, son of R. B. Taylor, of Bellefonte.

—Some interesting cases will likely be heard at a special session of court to be held this (Friday) morning.

DOLAN.—Mrs. Sara McDowell Dolan died in the Geisinger hospital, Danville, on Thursday, October 11th, after having been a patient in that institution for two months or more, suffering from the effects of a goitre. It was hoped when she was taken there that an operation might be performed for its removal but she could not gather enough strength to make such an attempt at a cure possible.

Deceased was a daughter of William and Susan McDowell and was born at Nittany on January 16th, 1874. After her marriage to William Dolan they moved to a farm below Jacksonsville which has been her home ever since.

Surviving her are her husband, and five children: Mrs. Fred Swartz and Miss Susan, of Akron, Ohio, and John, Father and Fred at home. She leaves the following brothers and sisters: D. A. McDowell, of Axe Mann; Mrs. C. A. Dolan, of Nittany; Mrs. R. F. Hood, of Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. Hall C. Campbell, of Mifflinburg.

Funeral services were held in the Evangelical church at Jacksonsville, on Monday, and interment was made at that place.

ALEXANDER.—Mrs. Eliza Alexander, widow of the late James Alexander, died quite suddenly at her home in Centre Hall, at 2:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning, of congestion of the lungs. She had been in apparently good health all day on Monday and up until shortly before twelve o'clock on Monday night when she was taken violently ill and passed away at the hour above stated.

She was a daughter of William and Mary Emerick and was born in Potter township on December 11th, 1844, hence was almost seventy-nine years old. After her marriage to Mr. Alexander they took up their residence on a farm not far from Centre Hall where they lived until eleven or twelve years ago when they quit the farm and moved into a comfortable home in Centre Hall where she had lived ever since. She was a life-long member of the Lutheran church and one of the best types of christian womanhood.

Her husband died nine years ago on October 2nd, but surviving her are one son, Abner Alexander, of Centre Hall, and one daughter, Mrs. Elmer Royer, on the home farm. She also leaves two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Cyrus Brungard, Mrs. Carrie Ruhl, and George Emerick, all of Centre Hall.

Rev. M. C. Drumm had charge of the funeral services which were held at ten o'clock on Thursday morning, burial being made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

GHERITY.—Distressingly sad was the sudden and untimely death of Miss "Betty" Gherry, daughter of Patrick H. and Mary Dowling Gherry, at an early hour on Monday morning. She was taken ill with acute indigestion while on her way to church, on Sunday evening, and was taken into the home of Martin Cooney, and a physician summoned. She partially recovered from the first attack only to suffer a second one of greater severity, with the result that she passed away about three o'clock on Monday morning.

"Betty," whose christened name was Elizabeth Angelus, was born in Bellefonte on December 11th, 1904, hence was almost nineteen years of age. She took the full course in the parochial school and after graduating there entered the Bellefonte High school and was in her Senior year. A girl of many lovable and delightful traits of character her death is deeply mourned by a large number of friends.

In addition to her parents she is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. J. C. Davis, of Tyrone; Miss Agnes, Walter, Robert and Anne, all of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held in the Catholic church at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning by Rev. Father Downes, after which burial was made in the Catholic cemetery.

COLLINS.—Mrs. Maude A. Kittel Collins, widow of the late Philip Collins, died at her home in Ebensburg on Monday morning following an illness of several days with pneumonia. She was a daughter of William and Margaret McDonald Kittel and was born in Ebensburg on September 21st, 1845, hence was a little past seventy-eight years of age. She was twice married, her first husband having been John E. Scanlon Esq., a prominent member of the Cambria county bar. Following his death she married Philip Collins, who also passed away a number of years ago. She leaves no children but is survived by one sister and two brothers, namely: Mother Bernadine, of the Order of Sisters of Mercy, located at St. Xavier's Academy, Beatty, Pa.; Rev. Ferdinand Kittel, rector of St. Michael's Catholic church at Loretto; Monsignor William Kittel, rector of the Holy Family Catholic church, at Latrobe, and attorney M. D. Kittel, of Ebensburg, cashier of the First National bank of that city.

Funeral mass was held in the Holy Name Catholic church in Ebensburg at nine o'clock on Thursday morning, after which burial was made in the family plot in the old church cemetery in that place.

LONER.—George W. Loner, an old Civil war veteran who for more than half a century lived at Stormstown, Centre county, died at the home of Mrs. Charles Farber, in Altoona, last Friday afternoon, following a short illness with heart trouble.

He was born in Reading on October 18th, 1835, hence was within a few days of being eighty-eight years old. As a young man he learned the wagonmaker trade and located in Stormstown where he followed that vocation many years. During the Civil war he served in Company E, 45th regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers and made a brave and gallant soldier, serving as color bearer during his enlistment. He was an earnest and life-long member of the Methodist church and for years an exhorter and local preacher.

His wife died eleven years ago since which time he had made his home with Mrs. Farber, in Altoona. His survivors include two sons and two daughters, William L. Loner, of Stormstown; Harry L. Loner, of Altoona; and Lydia, all of Altoona. Funeral services were held at his late home at ten o'clock on Monday morning, after which the remains were taken to Gatesburg for burial.

—The Last Resort is now serving a 55c. plate luncheon from 11:30 to 1:30. Supper from 5:30 to 7. 68-40-4t

—Now that the public is assured of the return of Ambassador Geddis "we may be happy yet, you bet."