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THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

Judge of the Superior Court,
WILLIAM A. MCGUIRE, of Johnstown.
Judge of the Courts of Centre County,
W. HARRISON WALKER
District Attorney,
WILLIAM GROH RUNKLE.
Jury Commissioner,
JAMES C. CONDO.

STATE HIGHWAY THROUGH BALD EAGLE VALLEY COMPLETED.

The pouring of the concrete on the state highway through Bald Eagle valley, from Snow Shoe Intersection to Bald Eagle, has been completed, and the road as far as Port Matilda will be thrown open to traffic tomorrow. The upper end of the road will probably be thrown open within a week or ten days. There are several bridges yet to build between Port Matilda and Bald Eagle, but as detours have been arranged at each bridge they will not interfere with traffic when the concrete has become properly set. Of course there is still some finishing work to do before the road can be taken over by the State.

The longest stretch of the road, from Snow Shoe Intersection to Port Matilda, sixteen and five-sixths miles, was built by the Miller Construction company, of Clearfield. They began work on April 29th, and finished pouring concrete on September 18th. An idea of the work done on the job can be had by the fact that the contractors handled 124,000 cubic yards of earth in excavations made. Fourteen concrete culverts and bridges were built and 166,950 square yards of concrete poured. In building they used 230,000 sacks of cement, 35,000 tons of stone, 25,000 tons of sand and 20 carloads of reinforcing steel. All the material used would fill a train of approximately 1,500 cars.

The upper stretch of the road, eight and two-thirds miles between Port Matilda and Bald Eagle, was built by J. M. Hutchinson, of Altoona, and he, also, used a small mountain of material in his work.

Work on the road over Snow Shoe mountain is also fast nearing completion and will be finished this fall if nothing unforeseen happens.

Bellefonte High Wins First Game.

Last Saturday morning the High school football team got into action against a team representing Snow Shoe High school and its subsidiaries. The visiting team after its early rising and refreshing ride, was fully awake when they lined up for the kick-off. Despite this marked advantage they were unable to penetrate our line nor to circle our ends. Coach Rider, using several combinations to test the strength of his team and to try out new men. Judging from their performance on Saturday, the High school has a team that ranks with those of the past two years. The team will face a heavier schedule than the local boys have ever had but the old B. H. S. spirit will carry them through.

Tomorrow (Saturday), the High warriors will meet the eleven from the Renovo Catholic High school. Very little definite information is available about the strength of the visitors but reports from various teams who have played them in other years indicate a hard game. Renovo Catholic High has always been noted for its fighting spirit and ability to battle against odds, asking only an even break in luck to make the outcome of any game uncertain. This is their first invasion of this territory and they are very anxious to make a good impression. The game will be played on Hughes field and will start at 2:30.

Joseph Pogosh, of Clarence, Injured in Auto Accident.

Joseph Pogosh, a well known resident of Clarence, is in the Centre County hospital with his right leg broken in two places between the knee and ankle as the result of being run down on the streets of that village by an automobile driven by R. T. Hamilton, of Karthaus. The accident happened about seven o'clock on Saturday evening as Mr. Pogosh was on his way home from the store and within a few yards of his house. Mr. Hamilton stopped his car as quickly as possible and helped in rendering aid to the injured man. He then gave himself up and was held in bail for a hearing before Squire S. A. Robinson. The injured man, who is 69 years old, was brought to the hospital by James Redding.



W. HARRISON WALKER, OUR NOMINEE FOR JUDGE.

W. Harrison Walker, our candidate for Judge, is a son of Samuel E. and Amanda (Brungart) Walker, both deceased, the father having been born in Miles township, Centre county, and the mother in Lamar township, Clinton county. They were farmers by occupation, and the subject of this sketch was born on a farm in the lower end of Nittany valley, August 30th, 1874. His early education was acquired in the rural schools before the task of transporting pupils was thought of and he was therefore obliged to cover a distance of three miles each day on foot to and from school. Later in life he attended the Central State Normal school, at Lock Haven, and still later the Missionary Institute, now the Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove.

In the fall of 1894 Mr. Walker entered the Dickinson Law school, at Carlisle, Pa., and while there was a registered law student in the offices of the late Judge Wilbur F. Sadler; during vacation he read law in the offices of T. M. Stevenson Esq., of Lock Haven. He was graduated from the above law school June 8th, 1896, and has since been admitted to practice in the following courts:

Cumberland county courts, admitted June 9th, 1896.

Centre county courts, admitted July 20th, 1896.

Supreme court of Pennsylvania, admitted January 12th, 1903.

United States Circuit and District courts, admitted August 31st, 1906.

Mr. Walker began the practice of law in Centre county August 1st, 1896, entering into co-partnership with the late David F. Portney under the firm name of Portney & Walker. In November, 1904, he withdrew from the firm and has since then practiced alone—always enjoying a large general practice, which is a testimonial to his fidelity to his clients as well as to their confidence in him.

He has lived an active life. Aside from his law practice he has given much of his time to the service of his country. During the war, in 1918, he was chairman of the publicity committee of all Liberty and Victory Loan drives; was chairman of the speaker's bureau for the Fourth and of the Victory Loan drives and arranged all public meetings in this district and supplied speakers for same; was active in all Red Cross work; was appointed chairman of the War Savings committee for Centre county in December, 1917, and served in that capacity until the close of the war, and though he gave practically all of his time and energy to these various activities these services were all performed without receiving one cent in the way of compensation or in the reimbursement for actual expenses necessarily incurred by him for the benefit of the service. He at all times went the full limit and by his untiring and unselfish efforts, assisted by hundreds of patriotic men and women in Centre county, was successful in going "over the top" and raising with four other counties in Pennsylvania the per capita fixed by our government for the War Savings committee. It has always been his desire and practice to be in the forefront in all welfare and patriotic movements, and his services are much in demand. At no time has a "Call to Service" passed by him unnoticed and unanswered.

Mr. Walker has never held an elective office that carried remuneration, though he has frequently been honored with official preferment when it is stated that he is now completing the last of three terms as burgess of Bellefonte. Religiously, Mr. Walker is a member of the Presbyterian church of Bellefonte, and is a trustee of the church.

Mr. Walker has lived a happy life. The gods have been good to him. He knows everybody and everybody knows him. He is never too busy to wave a friendly greeting to his fellow traveler on life's long trail, however humble he may be. He knows no sect or ism—in fact he is one of the "Common People" to whom Lincoln referred by saying that "the Lord must have loved the common people, because he made so many of them."

His family, consisting of his wife and two little girls, are the mainstays of his life. He is considerable of a home-body, and his many friends always find him around the family hearth when he has not been called away on business pertaining to his law practice. He has two motes in his life. The one is: "Let not the sun set upon an unperformed duty"—the meaning of which the people of Centre county will the more fully appreciate when upon his election as Judge of our courts they will find court matters up to the minute, with no clogged dockets to impose unnecessary delay on litigants and expense to the taxpayers. It will be a business administration to the limit of its compatibility with sound and just interpretation of the law, expediting the business of the courts and with an eye always toward the reduction of the cost of conducting them. The other motto is: "Go the limit." This is an outstanding characteristic in Mr. Walker's life, and when he is elevated to the bench he will go the limit to prepare his mind and fortify his soul to meet the tremendous obligations and responsibilities that await him, and which he will overcome by virtue of his having entered into no entangling alliances to win his election—the only pledge made, and which will be carried out to the letter is, the just, fair and equitable enforcement of all laws of our Commonwealth, as well as all the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and its amendments, without fear or favor.

Judge Dale Will Stick.

We publish the following letter from Judge Arthur C. Dale, as confirmation, over his own signature, of the statement made by the "Watchman" last week that the gentleman had no intention of withdrawing from the race, as some reports intimated.

It is interesting to note that Judge Dale expects to be elected. Inasmuch as Mr. Walker and Mr. Keller also have published statements to the effect that they expect to be elected, what are we voters going to do about it? They are all such nice men, but we'll either have to disappoint two of them or put three seats on the bench and give each one of them.

It gives me great pleasure to express my appreciation of the confidence reposed in me by the voters of Centre county at the recent primary election. I have been nominated on the Prohibition ticket for Judge of the courts of Centre county. I am an independent Republican. On the 15th day of September I received almost thirty-three and a third per cent. of the votes that were cast in this county. I believe that all of you who voted for me at the primaries will stand firm and will aid in increasing my vote at the general election. I stand for the enforcement of the laws. Upon this principle I submit my cause to the people of Centre county on the 3rd day of November next.

I have demonstrated my ability to conduct the business of the courts promptly and efficiently. When I am elected for the full term I will continue the same policies which I have put into force since I have been on the bench in Centre county, for those policies are based upon the sound conviction that the people of Centre county themselves stand for obedience to the law and the peace and good order of society.

If you believe in the principles of equal justice for all and the administration of the laws as they stand written upon our statute books I will appreciate your support and influence at the general election.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR C. DALE.

Centre County Man Accused of Aiding Prisoner to Escape.

Charles Carter, of Spring Mills, Centre county, is in the Huntingdon county jail under suspicion of having aided and abetted the escape of James Sweet, of Andover, N. Y., from the Huntingdon reformatory on Monday. Carter, himself, had only recently been discharged from the institution. Shortly after Sweet's escape Carter was found working in a field near the reformatory and wearing the escaped prisoner's clothing. To reformatory officers he maintained that after escaping Sweet, who is larger than Carter, compelled the latter to change clothing, after which he escaped into the woods.

Not satisfied with Carter's story he was taken into custody and placed in the Huntingdon jail, where he still proclaims his innocence. He admits that he became acquainted with Sweet while he was at the reformatory but does not offer a satisfactory explanation of his being near the institution. Officials think that it was arranged before he left the reformatory that he should come back as soon as possible and aid the other man to escape. He says that he only changed his clothes for the other's prison garb after he had been frightened by Sweet's threats.

Stock Perished in Barn Fire.

Seventeen hogs, nine head of cattle and one horse perished in a fire which completely destroyed the large barn and various farm sheds on the farm of Walter L. Lilly, one mile north of Lewisburg on Saturday night. In addition to the stock the season's crops of wheat and oats, thirty tons of hay and a lot of farm implements were destroyed. The loss is placed at \$10,000, on which there was some insurance. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

Bellefonte and Centre county people will probably recall Mr. Lilly, who was a resident of Bellefonte from 1883 to 1890, most of which time he worked for the late W. A. Lyon, in his meat market. He married Miss Minnie Olewine, a sister of the late John I. Olewine, and after leaving Bellefonte conducted a meat market at Lewisburg for many years but finally disposed of his meat business to engage in farming, in which he has been quite successful.

Many new faces have been seen at the Scenic this week, attracted there by the music of the new orchestral pipe organ installed last week. If you are a lover of music go to the Scenic, you will thus be able to hear the new organ while watching the big programs of motion pictures. It is a combination that cannot be found in any other movie house in this part of the State.

RIDER.—Mrs. Barbara R. Rider, almost ninety-five years of age, passed away on Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Ellenberger, in Tyrone, following an illness of about three months. Up to that time she enjoyed splendid health and notwithstanding her advanced age, was up and around and took a deep interest in everything. From the date of her illness, however, she gradually grew weaker until the end.

Deceased was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Rumberger and was born at Gatesburg, Centre county, on October 31st, 1830, hence was 94 years, 10 months and 27 days old. On January 13th, 1852, she was married to Jacob K. Rider, at Pine Grove Mills, by Rev. D. C. Moser, of the Lutheran church. The young couple took up their residence on a farm at Gatesburg and that was their home for almost half a century. When but seventeen years of age Mrs. Rider became a member of the Gatesburg Lutheran church and for seventy-four years had been an active worker in the Master's cause.

She was the next to the youngest of a family of fifteen children and the last to pass away. Her husband was killed by a stroke of lightning on his farm at Gatesburg twenty-five years ago, and shortly thereafter Mrs. Rider went to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ellenberger, in Tyrone, where she lived ever since. Of her six children Mrs. Ellenberger is the only survivor.

Funeral services were held at the Ellenberger home at 1:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Edward M. Morgan, after which the remains were taken to Gatesburg for burial in the Rider lot in the Lutheran cemetery.

MEYERS.—Joseph Frederick Meyers passed away at his home at Pine Grove Mills at three o'clock last Friday afternoon as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained a week previous.

He was a son of Joseph and Ellen Weaver Meyers, early settlers of the Pine Hall region, where he was born on May 4th, 1853, making his age 72 years, 4 months and 21 days. As a boy he worked on his father's farm in the summer and attended school during the winter seasons but when he grew to manhood he learned the trade of a blacksmith. He followed that vocation a number of years then forsook the anvil for the farm. Later he purchased the George Y. Meek farm, near Meek's church, where he till the soil until his retirement in 1911, since which time he had made his home in Pine Grove Mills. He was a life-long member of the Reformed church and for a number of years a ruling elder. He was a member of the Boalsburg lodge No. 894, I. O. O. F. for over fifty years.

On December 24th, 1879, he married Miss Mary Lutz, of Buffalo Run, who survives with the following children: Mrs. A. B. Musser and Mrs. Frank Homan, of State College; Mrs. S. H. Hess, of Burnham, and Charles H., of Fairbrook. He also leaves six grandchildren, three brothers and a sister, namely: D. W. Meyers, of Boalsburg; William J. and Henry, of Alexandria, and Mrs. Adeline Kline, of State College.

Funeral services were held in the Reformed church at 10 o'clock on Monday morning by Rev. W. W. Moyer, assisted by Rev. Norris, burial in the Pine Grove Mills cemetery being in charge of his brother Odd Fellows.

GUISER.—Mrs. Mary Ella Guiser, wife of Lloyd Guiser, of Marienville, Forest county, died on Saturday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Zimmerman, in Altoona, following an illness of nine months. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Peters, and was born in Walker township, Centre county. In addition to her husband she is survived by two sons, Glenn and Philip Guiser. She also leaves her parents, living at Mill Hall, and the following brothers and sisters: Lloyd Peters, of Hecla Park; Jack and Paul, of Altoona; Mrs. J. C. Gibberty, Mrs. J. S. Kimmick and Mrs. L. R. Grenoble, of Mill Hall, and Mrs. Zimmermann, of Altoona. The remains were taken to Zion where funeral services were held and burial made on Tuesday.

JOHNSON.—Mrs. Mary A. Johnson, widow of James Johnson, died last Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Strunk, at Pleasant Gap, as the result of senile dementia. She was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Moyer Showers and was born on November 21st, 1845, making her age 79 years, 10 months and 5 days. Surviving her are the following children: Harry, of Bellefonte; John, of Chicago; Mrs. John Strunk, of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Thomas Allen, of Watonsburg; Mrs. Ella Johnson, of Milesburg; Mrs. Joseph Harvey, of State College, and Mrs. Edward Mincer, of Mill Hall. Funeral services were held at the Strunk home at Pleasant Gap on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Zion cemetery.

WAGNER.—John Wagner, of Snow Shoe, died at the Lock Haven hospital on Wednesday night of last week, following ten days' illness with typhoid fever. He was sixty years old and was employed as a cook in a commissary car on the New York Central railroad. The remains were taken to Snow Shoe where burial was made on Saturday.

DETWILER.—Franklin Detwiler died at his home at Aronsburg on Tuesday night as the result of general debility, aged 85 years, 7 months and

24 days. He is survived by one son and two daughters, J. H. Detwiler, of Centre Hall; Mrs. Lulu Winkleblech, of Aronsburg, and Mrs. Catherine Barner, of Mill Hall. Burial will be made at Aronsburg this afternoon.

HOSTERMAN.—R. B. Hosterman, a well known resident of Aronsburg, died last Thursday afternoon as the result of a complication of diseases. He was 77 years, 4 months and 12 days old and was a son of Jacob and Anna Hosterman. He married Sarah Wolf, who died eight years ago but surviving him are three daughters, Mrs. John Zerby, of Gregg township; Mrs. Frank Stover, of Fiedler, and Mrs. Elwood Orndorf, of Woodward; also one son, George W., of Haines township, and a brother, F. O. Hosterman, of Millheim. Burial was made in the Wolf's chapel cemetery on Monday morning.

GOVERNOR PINCHOT WILL BE HERE NEXT MONDAY.

On October 5th, the Governor of Pennsylvania will visit Centre county for the purpose of inspecting State-owned and State-aided institutions and other agencies of the various departments of the Commonwealth throughout this county. While on this tour the Governor will meet all State employees, such as officials of the various hospitals, institutions of learning, as well as all other institutions which are operated under the direction of the State government.

The Governor will arrive at Tyrone at 7 a. m. next Monday morning. From Tyrone he will proceed to Philipsburg where he will visit the Philipsburg State hospital. From Philipsburg he will go to State College where he will be entertained at the weekly luncheon given by the Kiwanis club at that place. Before leaving State College the party will inspect the College campus buildings. At 2:30 p. m. he will visit the State fish hatchery at Pleasant Gap and later in the afternoon make a tour of inspection of the western penitentiary at Rockview. At 4 p. m. he will arrive at the Centre County hospital, from there he will visit the district office of the State Highway Department in Temple Court. From 4:45 until 5:30 p. m. he will be in the grand jury room in the court house at Bellefonte where he will be glad to meet personally all State employees, county employees and all the people of Bellefonte and vicinity generally. At 6:30 on next Monday evening he will be entertained at dinner by the Bellefonte Kiwanis club.

At 8:15 p. m. Governor Pinchot will speak in the court house. Every one is cordially invited to attend this night meeting which will be held in the main court room. Turn out and hear the Governor of Pennsylvania speak.

The Governor will remain in Bellefonte over night and while here will be the guest of Judge and Mrs. Dale at their home on Linn street.

Large Deposit of Cement Rock Found at Pleasant Gap.

Some time ago the "Watchman" told of drilling operations being started by Ray Noll, on his farm at Pleasant Gap, for the purpose of finding out what lay underneath the ground. Outcroppings of shale rock similar to that existing in coal regions led to the belief that there was a possibility of discovering a vein of coal, and perhaps zinc. But neither coal nor zinc were found.

But the drillings did uncover a large vein of cement rock. Mr. Noll went down to a depth of 517 feet and didn't touch the bottom of the rock. Three drillings were made and the same vein was found in the three holes. The rock has been analyzed and contains about the right percentages of carbonate of lime, aluminum shale and silica for the manufacture of high grade Portland cement. The same vein found by Mr. Ray Noll on his farm extends underneath land owned by Whiterock quarries and also the farm of Mr. William H. Noll Jr.

Officers of the Portland Cement company have been apprised of the discovery and also furnished with samples of the rock. The building of a cement plant is too costly a proposition for any one or half a dozen ordinary individuals to undertake, but the day may come when such a plant will be established at Pleasant Gap, now that it has been definitely settled that a large deposit of high grade rock is located there.

Charles Robinson Found Dead in Snow Shoe.

Charles Robinson, sixty-four years of age, whose home was in Curwensville but who spent a portion of his time in Snow Shoe, was found dead in an alley in the latter place on Saturday morning. At first it was thought he might have been a victim of foul play but investigation revealed the fact that he had been at the shanty of a friend the day previous and had drunk pretty heavily of moonshine liquor. Just how he got in the alley has not been disclosed, but it is probable that he was overcome there and either laid down or fell down and died before being discovered. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of death from acute alcoholism. His only survivor is one son, S. A. Robinson, of Snow Shoe. The remains were taken to Curwensville where burial was made on Sunday morning.

E. L. Hollabaugh has accepted a position at the new Richelieu theatre as assistant manager Richelieu.

FINE PIPE ORGAN IN SCENIC THEATRE DEDICATED.

The dedication of the Robert Morton Unit Orchestral organ in the Scenic theatre, Monday evening, has placed Bellefonte in the same class as cities like Johnstown, York, Lancaster and Harrisburg. In each of these cities this same make of organ has been placed in the best picture houses and Bellefonte is positively the only town of its size in the State to have secured an innovation of this kind.

Meiodious, rich toned and of unlimited possibilities, the organ will add much to the pleasure of the theatre goers. It will enable the Scenic theatre to properly present pictures with finer shades of meaning, giving effects that make each and every scene stand out as real by blending soul-stirring tones in a proper interpretation of screened stories.

Manager T. C. Brown closed the contract for this organ several months ago. Its installation at a cost of \$10,500.00 complete represents an unprecedented outlay of money in a venture of this kind in a small town. In no other way could he have proved so conclusively his faith in Bellefonte's growth as in the purchase of this superb organ which would have seemed unwarranted for the town were it not showing such a steady and stable growth. He is a man whose judgment has not played him false.

What this particular instrument will mean to the theatre going public will be hard to measure, but its effect on its hearers will be uplifting. Richness of tone, harmony of sounds, music selected for its fitness rather than for its volume of sound, must all have a refining influence, especially on the impressionable minds of the younger generation. The dignity and beauty of this music is a far cry from the raucous strains of the "talking machines" of nickelodeum days that thrilled out its explanation to a tortured people that it was "jes becaz she made them goo-goo eyes." The advancement along these lines has been as great as along the lines of picture making and the man who makes it possible for his patrons to hear and see the best is a public benefactor.

It is safe to say that as much is learned by induction as by precept, and this fact alone stamps it as a valuable asset which Bellefonte is most fortunate to possess.

This organ was shipped from the Robert Morton factories in California by way of the Panama Canal to Philadelphia and re-shipped from there direct to Bellefonte.

There are three divisions to the big instrument; twelve orchestral instruments in the first, eleven in the second and twenty-four in the third division, while among the most interesting of the details is the fact that there are fifteen accessories all of them the height of the builder's art from the expression control affecting the entire instrument down to the electric motor which gives the power.

The installation at the Scenic is one that shows no pipes, whatever. Few know that for the most part the great gilded pipes that crown the church organ are purely ornamental. Rarely are they installed for anything else than appearance. All the pipes of the Scenic organ are concealed at both sides of the stage.

Williamsburg Bank Bandit Given Five to Ten Years.

Louis Gelormin, of Patton, the young man who, on Tuesday morning of last week turned bank bandit and made an attempt to rob the bank at Williamsburg, Blair county, and later caused great consternation and excitement at Pine Grove Mills when he attempted to escape in a stolen car, entered a plea of guilty to the attempted robbery before Judge Baldrige, in the Blair county court on Monday, and was sentenced to the western penitentiary for not less than five nor more than ten years.

Gelormin had previously served time in the Huntingdon reformatory, having been sent to that institution in 1923. At that time he gave his age as nineteen years and he gave the same age when taken before Judge Baldrige on Monday. There is some question as to his sanity, but Judge Baldrige decided to leave it up to the penitentiary officials to decide whether he is perfectly rational or not.

Two More Murderers Electrocut.

Julius McKinley Branham and John A. Walker, negroes of Philadelphia county, were electrocuted at Rockview penitentiary on Monday morning. The men were brought to Rockview by automobile on Saturday afternoon. Branham was convicted of the murder of his boarding house mistress, Margaret Henderson, because she put a "vile concoction into his coffee. Walker was convicted of the murder of Jesse Lopp because the latter came into his home and used profane language. Walker, who was 34 years old, has a wife living in Philadelphia and his body was claimed and shipped to that place for burial. Branham's body was unclaimed and was buried in the penitentiary cemetery. The above electrocutions make one hundred and forty-four who have paid the death penalty at Rockview by electricity.

Public Sale of Household Goods.

All of the household goods of the late Mrs. Matilda Lieb will be offered at public sale, at her late home in Bush Addition, this place, on Saturday, October 3, at 1 o'clock p. m. Furniture of all kinds, rugs, new linoleum, stoves, etc., will be sold.