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Whoever is elected chairman of the Republican State committee will have plenty of trouble on his hands.

Considerable time and trouble might be saved by throwing out all the votes polled at the Republican primary.

A lot of people select automobiles not so much for the make as for the dealer who can be "staved off" the longest.

Premier Tardieu of France doesn't seem to be the least bit scared by the saber-rattling of Dictator Mussolino, of Italy.

If the mass arrests continue in India it will soon be necessary to build more jails and vastly increase the number of courts.

Customs agents have been placed on all the ocean liners and the ancient industry of smuggling will have trouble in the future.

The Republican leaders in Congress are enamored of the new flexible provision of the tariff bill but it is hard on the constitution.

It is to be hoped that President Hoover received ample spiritual return for his generous contribution to the church at Liverpool, which he attended on Sunday.

Congratulations, gentlemen of council. If each property holder in Bellefonte doesn't personally thank you for having saved the town from a club dinner we appropriate the role of spokesmen for them and do it here.

The treasurer of the Punxsuawney has embezzled forty thousand dollars of the borough's funds. Imagine the treasurer of Bellefonte getting away with any such sum. The keeper of our exchequer could rarely find forty cents in the strong box.

Bishop Cannon, of the Methodist Church, South, thinks he ought not to have to answer the Senate inquisition as to his political activities. The Bishop begs his contention on the claim that subjection to such questions is infringement on his personal liberty. Since the Bishop as devoted years to denying that there should have any personal liberty it is evident that he thinks inferentially since his own chickens come home to roost.

We have never met King Alfonso of Spain nor have we ever heard much that would set him up on a pedestal in our imagination. In a recent issue of an American magazine the La Paloma's Potentate philosophizes somewhat to the point when he says: "I don't know exactly how your laws work, but it seems to me that if you would permit the sale of wines, but vigorously prosecute drunkenness—instead of prosecuting the sale of intoxicants, it is not drunkenness—it might solve matters. You see, with us it is a question of education. It is just as much of a social crime to drink so much as it is, well, let us say, eat with your knife." Alfonso expresses the old idea of temperance in a new way. The fruits of education in temperance were just beginning to be worth while when prohibition stepped in to undertake to do by law what really should be done by precept.

Of course it is to be expected that the platform declaration of the Pennsylvania Democracy will brand us as the "wet" party. An anathema, more or less, hurled at a democrat means nothing. Every thing ill that befalls the country is aimed on the Democrats and so successfully does the opposition get away with this bunk that we're afraid they'll be trying to lay the over administration on our doorstep unless things brighten up soon. The platform of the party in the late calls for the repeal of the eighteenth amendment. As we have ways contended this addition to the constitution was legislation utterly out of accord with the fundamental principles of Democracy, because it robs the State of an individual right. In that very principle lies about the only difference there is in fundamentals between the Democratic and Republican parties. In consequence of its declaration some Democrats will probably leave the party but not so many as you might imagine. Most of the Democrats so will vote against Hemphill and Kistler have already indicated their registration as Republicans, order to vote for Pinchot, what they intend doing in November. They are Pinchot fans and would have voted for him had Bishopannon been named as his opponent of our party. We are not alarmed. We are glad that the Pennsylvania Democracy has had the courage to take a forward step in the very parent trend of the country to work back to the principles on which our government was founded. We are not "wet," but we don't believe that Texas or Maine or any other State has any right to tell Pennsylvania what it may and may not do in matters that do not affect their sovereign rights. Of course the fight will be distorted to a pure "wet," and "dry" issue, but in reality, it is a principle government that Democracy has declared for.

An Unseasonable Veto.

For the first time the House of Representatives in Washington, on Monday, registered a positive dissent from the policies of the President. In framing the tariff bill his recommendations were utterly ignored but the alibi was set up that it was a question of interpretation. But no such excuse can be offered in this case. By an overwhelming majority his veto of a bill increasing the pensions of Spanish American war veterans was overridden. An adverse vote of 298 to 14 is not only a rebellion; it is an emphatic rebuke. Of the thirty-six Pennsylvania Representatives only one, Mr. Graham, of Philadelphia, voted to sustain the veto. Yet Pennsylvania is a Hoover fishing preserve.

The bill having originated in the Senate the veto message was addressed to that chamber. His objections were that it provided for the payment of pensions to veterans "whose disabilities resulted from vicious habits," that it reduced the period of service required for a pension "from ninety to seventy days" and that "pensions would be paid regardless of whether the veteran was in need of it." There may be some merit in the last two reasons, though it is rather late to raise them. The time limit for service pensions in the Civil War is ninety days, and there is no question as to the cause of disability and the matter of wealth or poverty is never raised.

But the statesmen in both branches of Congress seemed in a fighting mood and the subject presented an opportunity to indulge in oratorical conflict. One Senator, referring to recent tax refunds, remarked "we give away the public funds to the millionaires but our soldiers must be paupers before they get any of the government's money" and that aspersion upon the methods of the administration was cordially approved. But it was probably not the real reason for the passage of the bill, "the objections of the President, to the contrary, notwithstanding." It was the time that turned the trick. The Congressional elections are almost in sight and the vote was a "safety first" expedient.

The influence which has kept Tom Cunningham, of Philadelphia, out of jail for two years is still operating. The Senate committee has excused him from testifying in the present investigation.

Opposition to the Naval Treaty.

The effort to procure the ratification of the London Naval Treaty is not having the "easy going" that was expected. Most of the flag officers of the navy are against it and though Senator Borah, chairman of the committee on Foreign Relations, has expressed great anxiety for speedy action the vote on the question is likely to go over until the short session which begins next December. Admiral Jones, who was a member of the conference, first voiced opposition to approval and he has since been supported in his objections by Admiral Chase, soon to become Commander in Chief of the fleet, and Rear Admiral Pringle, president of the Naval War college.

The basis of the opposition to the treaty is that it "leaves the United States in an inferior position" with respect to Great Britain and that it gives Japan a ratio in naval equipment which is out of proportion. "In 1936," Admiral Chase declares, "according to the replacement programme, the United States obtains equality in numbers but does not reach equality in tonnage until 1942." That is a long time to wait and as there is to be another conference in 1936 it may never be achieved, for that conference may completely upset the plans and reverse the ratios. And, the Admiral continues, "under these same conditions Japan's ratio with respect to the United States, would still be above the Washington treaty ratio."

Admiral Jones' main objection to the treaty lies in the substitution of six for eight inch guns on the cruisers we are authorized to build within the next five years, and on this point both Admiral Chase and Rear Admiral Pringle concur. If the American delegates to the Geneva conference had consented to such substitution the question might have been settled then. But for the very substantial reason that we have fewer naval stations than Great Britain and our crafts are obligated to carry greater quantities of fuel and other supplies we held out then for the larger cruisers. But the important thing now is to "save the face" of the administration at any cost.

COUNCIL WILL OPEN BURNSIDE STREET.

Will Also Make Test of New Fire Alarm Systems.

Only six members were present at the regular meeting of council, on Monday evening, the absentees being president Walker, Beaver and Kline. Mr. Cobb was chosen to preside. Monday evening being the time set for a hearing in the matter of opening Burnside street through to Blanchard street a number of property owners were present to intercede in behalf of the movement. No one was present to object to the opening but a written protest was filed by members of the McDermont family, through whose land the street will run. All other property owners are anxious to have the street opened and will give the necessary land free of all claims for damages. On motion of Mr. Emerick the ordinance providing for the opening of the street was adopted and the matter was referred to the Street committee and borough solicitor for whatever action may now be necessary.

Several residents of the western section of Burnside street were gain present to ask for a sewer but no definite decision was reached. Mr. Stewart, representing an asphalt paint company, appeared before council and advised painting the electric light standards and the iron fence at the spring with his asphalt paint, which, he claimed, would last three times as long as any other paint.

Horace Hartman asked that sewer connections be made to his property on east Linn street and council asked him to submit a proposition in regard to bearing some of the expense.

A communication was received from Arthur C. Dale Esq., in behalf of a damage claim of Thomas Morrison who was injured in a fall on some ice in front of the property of Burgess Hard P. Harris, last February. Mr. Dale intimated that a reasonable settlement can be made. Referred to the borough solicitor.

The Street committee reported the work on east Curtin street completed and north Wilson street will be completed this week. Temporary repairs were made on the Lamb street bridge over Spring creek, but the bridge superstructure and flooring were reported in a bad, if not dangerous condition, and the matter was referred to the Street committee for consultation with the county commissioners relative to rebuilding the bridge.

Mr. Emerick called the attention of council to the fact that there is a very noticeable increase in the vibration of the High street bridge every time a vehicle crosses it, and it should be thoroughly inspected to determine the cause.

Mr. Jodon called attention to the fact that the White Bros. had unloaded a club diner which they proposed moving to their property on the corner of High and Spring streets, and as it is heavy and cut into the tarred roadway at the P. R. R. station the owners should not be permitted to move it over the streets. Mr. Emerick stated that under the new building code and fire ordinance the club diner could not be erected within the fire zone. The matter was referred to the Street and Fire and Police committees.

The Water committee reported various repairs and the collection of \$300 on water duplicates.

Mr. Jodon, of the Fire and Police committee, reported that he had three bids for a new fire alarm system, one from the Sterling Siren Fire Alarm company for \$690; the Gamewell Co. company for \$1462.50, which he had not even considered, and the Federal Electric company for \$815 with a five horse power motor or \$1015 with a twenty horse power motor. Mr. Jodon recommended that both the Sterling and Federal companies be permitted to bring a system here for demonstration, council to then determine which one to keep, if any; the borough to bear the expense of the hook-up for demonstration and also pay the return freight on the one not accepted. On motion of Mr. Emerick the committee's recommendation was accepted.

The Finance committee reported an overdraft of \$76.75 in the borough account and a balance in the water fund of \$4640.85; Notes were renewed totaling \$9,000 and a new borough note for \$2,000 was authorized to meet current bills.

The Sanitary committee presented the monthly report of health officer S. M. Nissley.

The Town Improvement committee recommended that a permit be granted the American Legion for the remodeling of their home, on

BELLEFONTE'S FIRST TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

In a brief item in the Watchman, last week, referring to the removal of the Western Union telegraph office from the Penn Belle to the Brockerhoff house block, we stated that it is the first time the office has been located uptown. This was an error. The first telegraph office established in Bellefonte was located in a bookstore kept by Frank Livingston in a frame building located on the corner where J. O. Heverly's auto supply store now stands. This was in the days before the Civil War. Later the office was moved into F. Potts Green's drug store which occupied one-half of a frame building located about where Montgomery & Co. and Zeller's drug stores are now, in Crider's Exchange. Joseph Schnell was the operator at that time.

Of course there was no Crider's Exchange in those days. On the corner now occupied by the First National bank of Bellefonte was a frame building in which were two store rooms, one occupied by Thomas Burnside and the other by Baxstreser & Christ, hardware dealers. In the next building were Edward Graham's shoe shop and F. Potts Green's drug store. Further north was Curtin & Blanchard's law office, then a public room used for holding political gatherings and meetings of various kinds, and last in the row was a double building which housed a shoe store and Smith's saloon. It was along in the seventies when the First National bank building was erected on its present site and Edward C. Humes bought all the other properties in that block and erected Humes' block, which was destroyed by fire in the latter eighties. The land was then sold to F. W. Crider who erected Crider's Exchange.

It was in 1864 that the first railroad station was built in Bellefonte on the site of the present P. R. R. passenger depot, and when it was completed the telegraph office was moved there from Green's drug store uptown, and from that time to the present had been located in the down town section.

MARY MOTT MILLAN GRANTED A DIVORCE.

Charging incompatibility and that her husband was extravagant and stayed away from home for long intervals without adequately explaining his absence won a divorce, on Wednesday of last week, for Mrs. Mary B. Mott McMillan, of Detroit, Mich., from her husband, Alvin G. McMillan, says the Detroit Free Press. The decree was granted by Judge Joseph A. Moynihan.

Mrs. McMillan, prior to her marriage, was Miss Mary Mott, a daughter of Mrs. Odille Mott, of Bellefonte. She and Mr. McMillan were married in January, 1918. During their twelve years of married life there have been several separations, and they have not lived together since last January. Mrs. McMillan making her home at 9235 Agnes Avenue and Mr. McMillan living at 1384 Balfour road, Grosse Pointe. The court awarded Mrs. McMillan the custody of her daughter, Mary J., eleven years old, and also \$60 a week for the support of herself and child.

HAINES TWP. LOSES 9, BURNSIDE GAINS 3.

Preliminary returns of the 1930 census show peculiar fluctuations in population, the general trend of which is an increase in the towns and decrease in the rural communities. Whether this is accounted for by a migration of the young people from the country into the towns or fewer babies in the country districts is a question yet unsolved.

Haines township has a population of 1048, according to the 1930 census, against 1057 in 1920, a loss of nine. A total of 86 farms were reported and 29 persons without a job and looking for employment. Burnside township reports a population of 247 against 244 in 1920, an increase of 3. 33 farms were returned and seven men looking for jobs.

Port Matilda has a population of 505 and two farms listed.

Prohibition Commissioner Do-ran blames the failure to enforce the law on the State governments. But a majority think the fault is the law.

Howard street, and the same was granted.

Borough bills aggregating \$1885.07 and water bills \$692.04 were approved for payment, after which council adjourned.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items from the Watchman issue of June 11, 1930.

The Republican national convention concluded its strenuous and exciting labors at Chicago on Wednesday, after having been in session since the 2nd. Garfield was nominated on the 86th ballot when all of the Edmunds' and Windom delegates and practically all of Blaine's, Sherman's and Washburne's swung over to him in order to defeat Grant's third term hopes. Grant's 312 delegates stuck to him to the last. Up to the 34th ballot Garfield had never had more than two votes.

Lock Haven is to have a pulp and paper mill. Citizens of that place have subscribed \$3000 toward the project.

Our young and enterprising friend, Geo. Mallory, son of John Mallory, has taken the blacksmith shop, on Pine street, at the edge of town, that was conducted by his brother Cal. George comes of a family of blacksmiths, famed for their work, and is himself an excellent mechanic.

The little colored boy who was put in the lock up for twelve hours, last Wednesday, for throwing stones, cried so pitifully that his mother came down and was put in the "jug" to keep him company.

Rumor says that in some parts of the county a considerable portion of the wheat has been frozen.

Emanuel Schroyer, of Milesburg, had a cow killed by the express train west yesterday morning. It happened near Milesburg station.

On Monday evening last Elmer, the 17 year old son of Henry Brown, of Millheim, went out into a field near his home and shot himself with a pistol. Members of the family heard the shot and hurried to the spot where they found him still living, but he died shortly afterwards without saying a word. The boy had been away from home hunting for work. During his absence his father missed a five dollar bill. When he returned to home he was asked about the money and it is said that he brooded over the suspicion in which he was held.

When her own kittens were drowned a few days ago a mother cat owned by Mrs. McEwen, of Union township, went into the nearby woods and brought home two baby rabbits that she has been nursing since.

Mr. Duncan and a number of the pupils of his select school picnicked at the Penn's Creek cave last Saturday. On the way home their wagon broke down at Bolling Springs and they sent back to Felsassant Gap and borrowed a hand wagon in which they completed their homeward journey.

Millheim borough had the first law suit it ever figured in as a borough, last Tuesday. The suit was with a Mr. Ulrich over crossings he had contracted to build in that town.

The day after Cal. Brachbill's boy baby was born he bought it a box of strawberries. Cal is likely to do anything since that boy came. He thinks it is the only one that ever was born.

The Republicans here don't like to be told that Garfield, their nominee for President, was once a Disciple preacher and that he was expelled from the pulpit on a charge of being too fond of the ladies.

Capt. William Levi, an old and much esteemed citizen of Milesburg, died on the 4th inst, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis suffered some years ago. He was 79 years old and so well liked that all the Sunday schools of Milesburg attended his funeral as units. Rev. J. A. Woodcock, Methodist, preached his funeral sermon and interment was made in the Union cemetery here.

Up at Unionville everything is booming. B. F. Leathers & Co's. saw mill is in full blast giving employment to a number of men. The tannery is running full. A. T. Leathers has started out to take the census. "Bud" Grist is the father of a boy baby the first fruits of six years of married life. Michael Myers is to deliver a temperance lecture. Dan Hall has put down a new flag-stone pavement about his home and everybody is waiting for those Greenbacker Councilmen, elected last fall, to keep their promise and lay street crossings in town.

James McCafferty, eldest son of Mr. Alex McCafferty died of consumption on Friday morning last, making the fifth death in the family in the last eighteen months.

Connie Mack would better do something to remove the "jinx" which Washington seems to have on the Athletics.

Bellefonte beckons the proposed federal fish station authorized by Congress at an expense of \$100,000.

The census takers in Philadelphia seem to have botched the job. They are more expert in counting votes.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

Mrs. Pearl Snyder was shot and killed by her husband, Dan Snyder, at Johnstown, Tuesday night.

Fred W. Hochstetter of New York, formerly of Pittsburgh, last Friday sued the Pennsylvania Railroad for \$50,000 for injuries he said he suffered last July 16 near Altoona when a train on which he was a passenger was wrecked.

Charged with embezzling about \$40,000 of the borough's money, T. E. Mitchell, treasurer of Punxsuawney for 15 years, is under arrest. The exact amount of money alleged to have been embezzled by the official will not be known pending a check, authorities said.

Gold-bearing ore assayed at \$2.40 a ton has been found on the Dr. Tamman farm at Loyalsockville, Lycoming county, by Harry Bryant, of Williamsport. He and an assistant have drilled to a depth of 180 feet in their prospecting and have found traces of silver and copper in the dirt.

On the charge of stealing \$32 from his mother, William D. McCall, of New Castle, was sentenced in the Lawrence county court to serve two years and a half to five years in the Western penitentiary by the county court. McCall pleaded he was under the influence of drink when he took the money.

Two men were killed instantly, two others were injured and more than a score of men and women narrowly escaped injury when the powder-mixing structure of the Commercial Novelty Fireworks company, situated at Pequea Valley, ten miles south of Lancaster, blew up last Thursday.

Missing seven years, Miss Jennie Snyder returned to her home in Berwick as suddenly as she disappeared. She had been in New York all the time, she said. For several months she was believed to have been the victim of the Broad Mountain murder of five years ago. That victim has never been identified.

Continuance of the free admission to the annual State Farm Products Show, held every January at Harrisburg, was agreed on at a meeting of the Farm Show Commission. A proposal for a charge for admission, considered for some time to help defray expenses of the construction of the new building to house the show, was abandoned.

Charles Waterman, employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad company at Lock Haven, was caught and crushed between an oversize freight car and the building of the Lock Haven Chair corporation Saturday night, sustaining four fractured ribs, two fractures of the collar bone and shoulder blade, punctured wound of the neck and nose and other injuries. His condition is critical.

Six indictments have been returned by the Montour county grand jury with 12 counts, charging embezzlement and fraudulent conversion against Alexander Foster, former Deputy Auditor General and for many years manager of the Danville stove works. The charges were brought by the stove company. The total amount mentioned in the indictment is about \$19,200 and trial was set for the September term.

While exploring the yard of a vacant house near their home in Bloomsburg, on Monday, Dick Snyder, 5, and his brother, Jimmy, 3, dropped a match down an iron pipe they found there. The pipe led to a buried gasoline tank, and the explosion ripped it from the ground. Dick was seriously burned about the head, and may lose his sight; Jimmy was but slightly injured. None of the neighbors could recall when the tank was placed in the yard.

Discovery of a child's hat half filled with popcorn, and of a woman's coat, hat and umbrella near the swimming pool in Ivyside Park, Altoona, last Friday led to the unfolding of details of a tragedy in which a mother drowned herself and her two small children. The woman, Mrs. Katherine K. Stehman, 37, performed the grim act after appearing in an alderman's court to present charges against her husband, John K. Stehman, of assault and battery, threats to kill and non-support.

Judge Albert Lloyd, of the Northumberland county courts, had a remarkable escape when his auto upset on Poe Creek, while he was fishing at Pad-dy's Mountain, on Memorial day. Judge Lloyd was driving along a narrow mountain road to a favorite trout stream when a wheel left the road and the car overturned. All were thrown out and got a few bruises only. S. C. Yocum, chief burgess of Shamokin; Jacob Leisenring, lumber dealer, Paxinos, and Charles Madara, Shamokin, were in the party.

Representatives of Game Commission are now working on new motion picture material in an effort to broaden the scope of wild life scenery which are shown in all parts of the State. Pictures are now being taken of the activities at the ring necked pheasant and wild turkey farms, and show the various steps in the lives of the young birds. On a recent trip to Clearfield and Elk counties the camera man succeeded in securing pictures of a red tailed hawk's nest and the young birds. A thirty foot camouflaged platform had to be erected to secure the pictures.

Fire, following a series of gas explosions, on Sunday destroyed the glass bottle plant, at Marienville, Forest county, causing a loss estimated by officials at between \$50,000 and \$200,000. The plant was fully insured. The plant was closed Memorial day and Saturday night gas was turned on to heat the liens, equipment used in melting the glass. The gas failed to take fire, and instead accumulated, resulting in the blasts, officials said. The plant was owned by the Knox Glass Bottle company, of Knox, and officials indicated a new building would be erected.

One day last week a young woman visited the Pennsylvania station at Wood-land and expressed a suitcase to a point in North Carolina. She went to get something to eat and left her 10-month old baby in the depot. When she failed to return for the baby an investigation was started. The steward of the County Home went and got the baby and took it home. The mother was intercepted at Phillipsburg and upon being questioned said she was without funds and was trying to make her home in North Carolina. She was taken back to Clearfield and later given help to continue her journey to North Carolina.