

INK SLINGS.

We've sent for the wagon because we feel like we'll all take a ride. Senator Scott and the Hon. Holmes are not going back to Harrisburg. John Hemphill has four citations for unusual bravery under fire in the world war.



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What John M. Hemphill Did For You.

The following letter was written by Capt. Arno S. McClellan, of Waynesburg, Greene county, Pennsylvania. Captain McClellan is sheriff of Greene county and served with Capt. John Hemphill, in the 47th Reg., 4th Div., U. S. Army in France.

We publish it so that you may know just what kind of a man our nominee for Governor was when under fire. The courage he displayed then was the kind of physical and moral courage that is needed at Harrisburg now. Capt. McClellan writes:

"Imagine my surprise a short time ago when I was introduced to the candidate for Governor on the Democratic and Liberal party tickets to find that it was none other than an old war comrade of mine, John M. Hemphill. He was a Captain in the same regiment with me and I will have to say that he was one of the finest men I had the honor to serve with during the war. Captain Hemphill was in command of Company "K" of the 47th Inf. 4th Division and I had Company "C" of the same regiment.

Captain Hemphill made an excellent military record for himself during the war but he is too bashful to use his war record to further his personal interest in this campaign. I am sure if the voters of this State were thoroughly acquainted with his military record he would be held in high esteem. I remember several occasions on which he displayed rare courage and loyalty under very trying and dangerous circumstances.

While our regiment was engaged in and around Sergy, about August 1, 1918, in capturing, losing and retaking the town of Sergy several times, it was impossible to get rations up to the front lines; the kitchens had been destroyed by enemy artillery on the road near Chateau Thiery; our men had not eaten for about 72 hours; the situation was rapidly getting desperate; Captain Hemphill saved the day for us by personally taking out a detail of men and collecting all the emergency rations carried by the men who had been killed in the six or seven days fighting around the town. In spite of the heavy machine gun and shell fire he distributed these rations to the men at the front, making it possible to continue the attack with much success.

One of Captain Hemphill's most outstanding acts, that I recall, occurred during the Vesle River drive while he was regimental intelligence officer. Our men had advanced against a terrific resistance, and our losses were terrible, but in spite of the heavy artillery and machine gun fire our men had made substantial gains, but they were in a confused and dazed condition, grouped in shell holes and all means of communications broken off. Captain Hemphill was sent by the Regimental Commander to get a report on the situation. Upon his arrival at the front he realized that our men were in a desperate situation. A counter attack by the enemy would mean death or capture for all. He did not go back, but immediately went to work to reorganize the remaining men, establish outposts, and secure additional men from scattered shell holes. Through his untiring efforts he built up a very efficient defense on the ground that our men had sacrificed so much to capture. He made it possible to hold our gains against all counter attacks by the Germans. This was done under heavy shell and machine gun fire with continuous sniping by the enemy snipers.

The last account I had of Captain Hemphill up to our late meeting was the morning of September 26, 1918, shortly before the zero hour for the beginning of the famous Argonne Forests drive when his company jumped off from the famous Le Mort Homme on hill 304 and followed a rolling barrage that it would be impossible for me to describe. Advancing rapidly our troops were soon fighting their way without the aid of the barrage and in a fog so dense that they could not see 20 feet ahead. Finally the fog lifted and our men continued to overcome all resistance. Evening found them at their objective and with them was Captain Hemphill and his Company. He had shown rare courage and ability in bringing his men through this battle with small losses.

I could write much in behalf of Captain Hemphill. In closing will say he was ever mindful of the comforts of the men who served under him. His slogan was "The men first," and he was always on the spot to see that they were first.

The service men and women and their families of this State now have an opportunity to support a truly great soldier, one who fought in the late war, not for the sake of fighting but for an unselfish love for his country. I wish I could do something to help bring him the support he so richly deserves.

Yours in comradeship (Signed) ARNO S. McCLELLAN Captain Co. "C" 47th Inf.

Mr. Keiser is Talking Through His Hat.

On another page of this issue is a political advertisement of Mr. Keiser, who is an independent candidate for Senator in this District. The gentleman is so extravagant in his language that we feel it is our duty to call your attention to some of his misleading statements.

He says the Clearfield Progress announced that the Democrats of Clearfield county want Keiser for Senator. Possibly it did. The Clearfield Progress, however, is a Republican paper and not in a position to know what the Democrats of that county want.

He says that while in the Legislature in 1915 his Democratic opponent, Mr. Gingery, voted to increase the state police force. This is not true. Mr. Gingery voted against the bill.

He says Mr. Gingery got a "terrible walloping" when he ran for treasurer of Clearfield county last year. Mr. Gingery was defeated, but by only 1700 votes, whereas other Democrats running on the same ticket with him were defeated by 6700. That, we should say, was anything but a "terrible walloping" and Mr. Gingery might easily have been elected had it not been that he was running against a very popular man who lived in his home town of Clearfield and in consequence the vote of that place was divided. Mr. Gingery would otherwise have carried it by a large majority.

Mr. Gingery's record as a Legislator in 1915 is one to be envied. He voted for woman's suffrage. He voted for the compensation law.

If you want to stand in With Boss Gifford Pinchot Go down in your pockets And hand out your 'dough.' W. B. M. M.

Get on the band wagon, boys. All the Curtis papers: The Philadelphia Ledger, the Evening Ledger and the Philadelphia Inquirer have come into the Hemphill camp. We suppose poor John will be accused of having bought the Curtis papers. If the avalanche keeps rolling they'll have to measure the Hemphill votes in Pennsylvania in bushel baskets like they did Cleveland's one time in New York. There will be too many of them to count.

Probably "Pudder Jim" is holding on to his cabinet job so as to escape an enlistment in the army of unemployed after the election.

It is suspected that every-time chairman Martin speaks of voting a "straight," ticket he puts his "tongue in his cheek."

Pinchot has done his best to impair the value of Pennsylvania railroad shares, but old "Pennsy" will survive his attacks.

Pinchot is so enamored with the Pittsburgh gang that he proposes to spend another Sunday there before the election.

The administration got by on the unemployment problem on the eve of the election. Too late.

Pinchot will have plenty of time, next summer, to hunt bats in the South Sea Islands.

Stockholders and Employees of Public Utility Companies Might Suffer.

If you own any stock in a public utility corporation operating in Pennsylvania. If you are an employee of any such corporation your fat is in the fire and it's up to you to save it.

Gifford Pinchot, candidate for Governor, has declared war on the public utilities companies. That means nothing more nor less than, if he is elected, their stockholders must face possible lower dividends on their holdings and their employees must face possible lower wages for their services.

Gifford doesn't need to worry. He has millions, inherited them all. He never employed anybody except those necessary to make the going softer for himself and his wife. They have so much that they can't spend it and don't understand what a dollar means to most people in Pennsylvania today.

It ought not to be necessary for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the American Tel. and Tel. Co., the Associated Gas and Electric, the West Penn Power, the Central Pennsylvania Gas Company, the State College, Phillipsburg and other local Water Companies to be fearful of the election of any good man to be Governor of Pennsylvania. They all have reason to be fearful of Mr. Pinchot because he has ranted over the State that they are charging too much for the utilities they furnish and that when he is Governor he'll fix them.

Not one of these public utilities is paying more than a fair dividend to its stockholders. Not one of them is paying more than fair wages the pockets of those who earn their bread and butter by working for them.

Don't tell us that he didn't mean it that way. He means just exactly what he said and, if elected, he'll move Heaven and Earth in his efforts to persecute them by legislation.

If you need proof that Mr. Pinchot is the narrowest, most egotistical and vindictive man ever in the public life of Pennsylvania all you need do is recall what he did to The Pennsylvania State College when he was Governor before.

Merely because some of its Alumni and a few of its trustees favored the nomination of the man who did more for The Pennsylvania State College than any other living soul when he wrote into the Records of Pennsylvania that it is the ONLY ward of the State, Pinchot starved a great institution to the point of bankruptcy and by so doing denied thousands of boys and girls in Pennsylvania their right to an education at the State's college.

He did it willfully and maliciously. The institution didn't belong to the trustees and alumni who were for George Alter in preference to Pinchot. It belongs to the people of Pennsylvania, the fathers and mothers of the boys and girls who had to give up ambition for a higher education because a little man had attained a great place.

A man vindictive enough to do that is vindictive enough to be a threat over your dividends, if you own any stock in a public utility.

And when it's hard going for a corporation the first to suffer are it's stockholders. The next are it's employees.

Those 80ft. Roads and What They Mean

Do you know that there is on record in the court house in Centre county the State's pre-emption of forty feet of land on each side of the center of the highways leading from Bellefonte, via Nittany valley to the Clinton county line and from Bellefonte to Pleasant Gap and State College.

Do you know what this means to the owners of property fronting on those highways? At present none of these highways are more than thirty-feet wide, from fence to fence, and since the State has pre-empted fifty feet more for them there isn't an owner of an inch of ground fronting on them between Bellefonte and Lamar and Bellefonte and State College who can safely give a warranty deed, if he should desire to sell any of his or her property.

Should the State decide to make those highways eighty feet wide whole towns will have to be moved back. Among them Zion, Hublersburg, Snyderstown, Huston, Pleasant Gap, Lemont and Millbrook. For in none of those mentioned is there sufficient space, from building line to building line, to permit an eighty-foot road way to run between.

We all want good roads and as many of them as we can get, but certainly we don't want them at the expense of rebuilding whole towns, moving farm barns and houses and of depriving owners of the opportunity they might have to sell land along them.

As an instance Thomas E. Jodon, of Pleasant Gap, had about closed a very satisfactory deal with the Central Pennsylvania Gas Co., for the plat on which its gas plant was to have been located. He was offered and accepted a good price but he never got it. Simply because the Gas Company's attorney discovered that part of the desired plot was within the State's eighty-foot pre-emption and it couldn't take a chance on having to move its plant and Mr. Jodon very sensibly decided that he couldn't give a warranty deed, which would have committed him to paying for the moving, if it had been necessary.

To make a long story short every owner of frontage on the roads we have mentioned is in Mr. Jodon's shoes today. Twenty-five feet of their land on each side of those roads hasn't a cent of sale value to them, unless they guarantee that the roads will never be made eighty-feet wide or indemnify a possible purchaser against loss if he should build on the present frontage and later have to move back.

Mr. Holmes voted for the bill that put property owners in Nittany and Penns Valleys in that position.

Mr. Holmes is now asking them to send him back to Harrisburg to represent them. It means nothing whatever to us whether Mr. Holmes or John G. Miller is selected next Tuesday.

Mr. Holmes is a very genial gentleman. His only short coming is that he seems to be "asleep at the switch" whenever the interests of his constituency are in jeopardy, but very alert when his own are in danger. He says he didn't know what the bill really meant when he voted for it.

We'll bet the only overcoat we own against a one-piece bathing suit that he would have been "on the job" had the State tried to grab off any frontage from the lots he has to sell about State College.

According to a statement filed with the Congressional election bureau, in Washington, Congressman J. Mitchell Chase's campaign expenses to date are only \$85.00.

Good may come out of Nazareth. The quarrel among Philadelphia Republicans may make elections in that city in the future cleaner.

Vote for John G. Miller, of Ferguson township, for Assembly and help smash the Holmes, Scott combination that they have formed to keep each other in office forever.

Summarily throwing Pinchot's petition out of court Judge Ferguson declared it "the most scandalous, impertinent and frivolous document that had ever been filed in that court."

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Earl Swank, of Shamokin, has been awarded \$10,750 damages for the death of his daughter, Mollie, aged 12, killed last winter when the sled on which she was riding crashed into the auto of Joseph Welker Jr., of Coal township, on the street in that place.

Motorists are asked by the State Game Commission to be careful while driving through wooded sections of the State in order to protect deer. Reports from all sections indicate that many deer are being killed by motorists. Lack of water in the mountains, the commission says, is driving the deer into the open country.

Two young men of Burnham and a girl from Philadelphia are in the Mifflin county jail after having pleaded guilty to stealing a number of chickens from a farmer near Burnham. They are Clifford McCarle and Roland Knepp, of Burnham, and Edna Craig, of Philadelphia, visiting in Burnham. It is said that they ate the chickens.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture reports that 854 more dogs have been licensed, 1120 more worthless dogs have been killed, 1678 fewer dog owners have been prosecuted, and \$46827.27 less in damage claims have been received so far this year, compared with the corresponding period of 1929.

With the water supply in Marietta, Lancaster county, almost completely depleted due to the prolonged drought, residents of the borough are using water from a community well. Despite the fact that an additional supply has been piped from a large spring into the reservoir the water company declared the situation still serious and urged all users to conserve as much as possible.

Clarence A. Mohler, 28, former teller of the Citizens Trust company, Canonsburg, was sentenced to from two to four years in the county jail at Washington, Pa., on Monday, by Judge Howard M. Hughes, on his plea of guilty in embezzling \$7851.08 from the savings funds of school children which he handled. He absconded and was accompanied by Miss Erma L. Holmes, of Houston, whom he married in St. Paul.

Annoyed by a rat in her novelty store at Conneville, Mrs. William Herzberg fired a tiny toy cap pistol to frighten it away. A spark from the pistol ignited a Halloween costume on a rack. In a few minutes the store was ablaze. Mrs. Herzberg severely burned, was carried from the building by Virgil Feniello, a nearby barber, who heard her screams and dashed through the flames to aid her.

The will of Dr. Nathan C. Wallace, of Dover, York county, which has been filed for probate, creates a perpetual trust of \$5000, the income from which is to be used annually by Dover borough and Dover township for charity and benevolent purposes. There are also contingent bequests of the residue of the estate after other trusts are terminated that the principal shall go to the Masonic home, at Elizabethtown, Pa.

Charles Kreiger, 70, former justice of the peace of Coal township and prominent in Northumberland county political circles, died on Monday in the State Hospital at Shamokin of a fractured skull. He had been missing from home for 24 hours before police found him unconscious last Thursday along the Shamokin-Sunbury State highway, apparently the victim of a hit-and-run driver. He never regained consciousness.

Harry Farmer, 12 year old Lancaster boy was rescued from drowning in a bathtub filled with water by his mother after he had been shocked into unconsciousness when a lighted electric lamp dropped into the tub. Mrs. Ruth Farmer, unable to see clearly because the light in the bathroom was extinguished, reached into the tub to pull her son out. She was badly shocked when her hands came in contact with the charged water.

Not satisfied with the police theory that their son committed suicide several weeks ago, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Molar, of Berwick, have offered \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction of the "murderer or murderers" of 23-year-old Giza Molnar, whose body was found hanging to a tree, a gag in his mouth and his hands tied behind his back. A coroner's jury had returned an open verdict in the case, not accepting either suicide or murder theories definitely.

A youthful robber held up Mrs. Harry Scheuremann in the box office of the Stroud Theater at Stroudsburg, Saturday night, seized \$500 and fled on foot. Mrs. Scheuremann, whose husband is part owner of the theater, was alone in the office when the man appeared, leveled a pistol at her and demanded she open the door. She did so, she told police, and the robber stepped inside, gathered up the money and ran. One man started to follow the youth, but gave up the chase when the robbed fired at him.

When Maurice Kauffman, and Charles Small, both 16 years old, found a bed in a building of the Pennsylvania Gas & Electric company at York, Pa., on Sunday night they went into a sleep so deep it took a pulpotor to arouse them Monday morning. They wound up in the York hospital for treatment for gas poisoning. Kauffman and Small, leaving their homes without permission, decided to "sleep out." They sought a warm spot and crept unnoticed by employees into a generator building of the gas company. They noticed the odor of gas, but thought it natural to a gas-house. Monday morning employees found them unconscious.

The Miners & Merchants Bank of Nanty Glo was taken over by the Secretary of Banking, on Monday, as the result of a slow run, the State Banking Department announced. Secretary of Banking Peter G. Cameron appointed George F. Taylor, Jr., of Pittsburgh, as agent and placed him in charge. The department said that many depositors of the bank had been compelled for some time past to resort to their savings to enable them to live because of the stagnation of the coal industry in that section. As a consequence of the lack of work and the necessity of depositors living on their savings, the affairs of the bank reached a condition which renders it the duty of the Secretary of Banking to take possession in order that assets may be conserved and liquidated for the benefit of all the depositors.