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This column is to be an open forum. Everybody is invited to make use of it to express whatever opinion they may have on any subject. Nothing libelous will be published, though we will give the public the widest latitude in invective when the subject is this paper or its editor.

Mr. Given Thinks the Country Needs Less Foolishness.

New York City, Nov. 21, 1931. To the Democratic Watchman:

It has been a long time, indeed, since my last visit to Bellefonte. Going there, to tell the truth, is something like going to a college reunion; not so darned pleasant; too many changes; and changes which are not conducive to merriment when the visitor has gray hair.

I have to laugh when I read of the activities of the snoopers around your section. Why, over here the people get tired of the farce long ago, and this goes for those who never take a drink, but who can see and read. Speakeasies are now only side door saloons and there are open bars everywhere.

"LET GEORGE DO IT" Several days ago Governor Pinchot made a statement to the effect that there are forty individuals in Pennsylvania who could underwrite his proposed forty million dollar bond issue and never feel it.

Doubtless he was right in his estimate of the wealth of a number of persons in Pennsylvania, but it is not quite clear as to what he intended to convey when he said, in effect, that they would never feel it.

Since the proposed bonds would bear interest and be a mortgage on the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania they would, if legal, be gilt edged securities. As such no investor in them would have his income affected in any other way than the possibility of a difference in the interest rate they might now be receiving on their money and the rate the bonds will carry.

From this view point it is difficult to understand the Governor's intimation that the persons he had in mind might make some sacrifice for the common weal.

If he looks on it that way why doesn't he offer himself on the sacrificial altar? Why doesn't he say to the other thirty-nine: I will take my share of the bonds if you do?

The Pinchots are reputed to be among the very wealthiest of those claiming residence in Pennsylvania, yet their names are most rarely seen among those making really large contributions to any public welfare movements. Unless they keep their lights well concealed under the bushel the public is justified in the belief that they are of the class that want to "let George do it."

President Hoover has just announced that he will give his salary for three days a month to the relief of the poor in Washington. All the world knows of our Governor's spirit of generosity, except with other people's money, through the record that he resigned his office as Forester of Pennsylvania so that he could beat the law and accept re-appointment to it the next day at a higher salary.

Laying a mortgage on Pennsylvania for future generations to pay, especially if it should be foreclosed at a time when they might be in just such distress as our State finds itself to be today, is a matter of doubtful wisdom. Notwithstanding that, the Governor might have his special session of the Legislature more perfectly hypnotized had he shown willingness to do as much as he is calling on "George" to do.

ON THE STOOL OF REPENTANCE.

The Keystone Gazette is evidently in sackcloth and ashes for having called the hundreds of unbossed Republicans of Centre county who voted the Democratic ticket at the last election "traitors", "renegades" and "rubbish."

In an editorial in its last week's issue it attempted to qualify the lambasting it gave members of its party who jumped the fence by stating that it meant that only "those candidates who refuse to abide by the results of the primary election have no place in any party and are especially unwelcome in the Republican party in Centre county."

The Gazette is being more explicit in the objects of its vituperation, but not quite explicit enough to give the public an idea as to just who it did call "traitors," "renegades" and "rubbish."

Since it has attempted to narrow it down to the gentlemen who were defeated in its own party primaries will it pick the goats from the sheep among them? In order to make the task easy we here list the men who ran in the Republican primaries, a number of whom were not given a square deal by their party's organization:

- For Sheriff—L. Frank Mayes, Willis B. Bathgate, N. R. Lamoreaux, James J. Leitzell. For Treasurer—C. C. Shuey, Ernest E. Demi, Hon. Philip E. Womelsdorf, R. J. Barnett. For Prothonotary—E. R. Hancock. For Recorder—Lloyd A. Stover, James S. Reish. For Register—Harold D. Cowher, N. R. Stiver, Thomas Morgan, Clark N. Aikie, Frank Sasserman, S. S. Osman. For Commissioner—Newton I. Wilson, James M. Deitrick, G. W. Mothersbaugh, Harry W. Frantz, E. S. Bennett, Mahlon R. Haggerty. For Auditor—Geo. C. King. For Coroner—Dr. Evan L. Jones, Dr. Oscar E. Hewitzky, Dr. Walter J. Kurtz.

Here are twenty-seven gentlemen whom the Gazette says are "especially unwelcome in the Republican party in Centre county." Possibly it was saying: "Here's your hat, what's your hurry" to all of them, but since it is trying to get its foot out of its mouth it would be very nice to see it do the job right by naming just who of the twenty-seven it regards as the "traitors," "renegades" and "rubbish." It would be nice, also, if the Gazette were to explain just how and when it was delegated to say who is welcome and who is not in the Republican party in Centre county.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of December 2, 1881

The regular session of November court opened on Monday last with Judge Orvis and Associates Frank and Divine on the bench. Benjamin Rich, of Unionville, was made foreman of the grand jury. Among the true bills found were against the road supervisors of Benner Twp., for neglect of duty; William Neary, carrying concealed weapons and threats; A. Vandyke, flourishing a revolver and threats; Elmer Foulk, libel (This was selling The Owl). John Kane settled the case against him for tearing down the borough lock-up and assisting prisoners to escape.

Fifty years ago two men not practiced in law were elected to sit as Associate Judges. They had no voice in questions of law, but in Bench appointments, granting licenses and questions of fact they had a voice. The Owl which Elmer Foulk was charged with libel for selling was a mysterious publication, a scandal sheet, that was surreptitiously sold on the streets of Bellefonte and purveyed only such stuff as local livery stable, bar-room and poolroom gossip. It was regarded as very raw in those days, but compared with the modern tabloid it would now look like a Sunday School lesson leaf.—Editor's Note.

The new store room of A. J. and F. E. Griest in Unionville is a model that many merchants in large towns might do well to pattern by. Every class of goods has its respective department, xxx Alex Shipley is the head clerk and is always on hand to greet the customers. Master Eddie Griest fills his part well and gives satisfaction in his department.

The Excelsior Bible class at Pleasant Gap has sunk under the pressure of eighty cents, which it owed the janitor of the church for keeping the place warm for the class. They couldn't raise the money so the janitor froze them out.

At Johnstown, last Thursday, our rifle team of Co. B, was defeated on both the 100 and 200 yd ranges by the team of Co. H, of that city. Hale, Geissinger, Gross and Van Pelt shot for Co. B.

Typhoid fever is prevalent in the neighborhood of Pine Grove Mills.

On Thanksgiving day the ice was thick enough on the dam at Coleville to afford fine skating for the boys and girls.

William Mills has been elected to the school board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George Skinner.

The question of opening Water street so as to connect with the Milesburg pike a little south of Morris' lime kilns is being agitated by some of our citizens.

The State College boys and the Lewisburg University boys will play a match game of football at State College to-morrow, Saturday, December 3.

Maj. Forster, of the Centre Democrat, is suffering from the effects of a very severe fall on an icy side walk a few days ago.

It is rumored that there is to be a railroad built from here along the Buffalo Run to connect with the branch of the P. R. R. at Scotia.

The property of Dr. J. H. Pearce, of Phillipsburg, which was sold last week, was bought by his wife. The marble and mercantile business will, we presume, be continued by her.

Wheat is \$1.30, corn .75, potatoes \$1.25, eggs .25, butter .35 and sugar cured hams .15.

TYRONE HAD \$60,000 FIRE LAST FRIDAY MORNING.

The Garman block, in Tyrone, was almost entirely destroyed by fire last Saturday morning, while the Tyrone Herald building, on one side of the block and the Fisher building, on the other side, were considerably damaged, causing a total loss estimated at \$60,000. The fire originated in the furnace room of the Garman block about 7.30 o'clock in the morning and had gained considerable headway when the firemen arrived on the scene. Notwithstanding the damage to the Herald building Editor Jones managed to get out a paper, as usual, that day.

The rotogravure section of the Morgantown, W. Va., Post, of Friday Nov. 20th, devoted almost an entire page to illustrations of the large operations of the Greer Limestone Co., at Greer, W. Va. This is the company of which D. J. Kelly is the general manager and his picture, as well as that of his son Frank, who is superintendent of the operations, add a personal touch to the very interesting illustration. And by way of local pride the Watchman assures its readers that the two former Bellefonters suffer nothing when their appearance is compared with that of many other of West Virginia's prominent business men shown in the section.

Rumor is to the effect that Mr. Keeler has secured affidavits and will present a petition to have a recount of the ballots cast in the north precinct of Rush township on November 3. Boob carried it by a majority of 34. As Judge Fleming is holding court in Media this week he will not be able to act on any local matters before his return on Monday, next. Up to Wednesday evening, however, no petition had been filed at the Prothonotary's office.

A HODGE—PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS.

Prothonotary S. Claude Herr is now engaged in sending out certificates of election to the more than four hundred men and women elected to borough and township offices at the election on November 3rd, and it is no simple job. Heretofore election boards were charged with the duty of issuing certificates but under a recent act of the Legislature the court is delegated to count the vote for every candidate and on prothonotary Herr, as clerk of the court, falls the duty of sending out the certificates. In doing the work he is up against two puzzling situations. The first has to do with quite a number of candidates who ran on both tickets for the same office. On one ticket they gave their name in full, such as "William A. Malone," while on the other ticket it was simply "W. A. Malone." While the supposition is that the candidate is the same man on both tickets yet Mr. Herr has no way of knowing that he is, and under the law cannot combine the votes, so it is just possible a number of such candidates may lose out because they did not have their name the same on both tickets.

The other situation Mr. Herr is up against is finding out the right address of the successful candidates so that the certificate of election will reach him. Inasmuch as all boards of road supervisors re-organize on December 1st certificates were sent to the successful candidates for this office on Saturday so that they will be sure to get them on time. Other certificates will probably be sent out the latter part of this week.

In recording the vote it was discovered that out in Snow Shoe a man was apparently elected overseer of the poor by one vote. At least the ballot bore the by-line "Vote for two," and while the regular candidate got a normal vote another man received but one vote, and he will receive a certificate of election. The probability is that there was only one overseer to elect and that the by-line on the ballot was an error, but inasmuch as the prothonotary had no way of determining this from the returns he could do nothing else but issue the certificate.

While the election is now almost a month past and the average election story is passe, here is one too good to pass up. Along toward the close of the campaign two candidates made a trip up into West Ferguson township. They stopped at a certain farm house and were met at the gate by a very surly dog. The canine did not wag his tail in friendly greeting but snarled his defiance and showed an ugly set of teeth. The woman of the house, hearing the commotion, went to the door and seeing the men hesitating because of the dog called out: "Bob, come up here; come on up Bob." Mystified as to how the woman should know his name the one candidate answered, "Yes, I'm coming," and followed by the other he braved the dog and went up to the house. It then developed that the dog's name was "Bob" and the woman had been calling him instead of the candidate. But it turned out all right in the end as it resulted in several votes for both candidates.

Among Major H. Laird Curtin's flock of fowls, on his home farm at Curtin, is a hen who has adopted one of the farm horses as her roosting place at night, and the horse is just as much attached to the hen. When the shades of night begin to fall the hen will make her way into the horse stable and fly up and cuddle down on the rump of the horse. The latter will whinny a greeting to its feathered friend. If the man in charge of the stock, on his last visit to the stables at night, attempts to remove the hen the horse will stamp its feet and in other ways manifest its disapproval, while the hen will flop and cackle and if not penned up will soon make its way back to its roost on the horse.

How would you like to prepare 450 chickens, peel, boil and mash 35 bushels of potatoes, use 75 loaves of bread for "fillin'" for the fowls, make 75 gallons of giblet gravy and bake 575 mince pies, all for one meal? That is what was required for the Thanksgiving dinner served yesterday to the 1800 patients and 350 employees at the Danville State hospital. And the entire meal was prepared and served by eight persons. This was made possible because of the fact that the kitchen is electrically equipped throughout and the oven is of such ample size that the chickens were all roasted at one time.

The football togs will now be hung up for another year. Locally the season has been a frost. The Bellefonte High school, the Bellefonte Academy and State College have all been below par and neither of the institutions have anything to brag about. Probably the players suffered with the same inertia that brought about the depressed business condition.

The cost of furnishing text books to the children in the public schools of Pennsylvania averaged \$1.56 per pupil in 1930.

MOUNTAIN HI CAGERS WILL OPEN SEASON JAN. 8.

The Mountain High school basketball league schedule for the winter season has been announced as follows:

- January 8: Lewistown at Bellefonte, Mount Union at Hollidaysburg, Huntingdon at Phillipsburg, State College at Tyrone. January 15: Bellefonte at Huntingdon, Hollidaysburg at Lewistown, Tyrone at Mount Union, Phillipsburg at State College. January 19: Tyrone at Hollidaysburg, State College at Lewistown, Huntingdon at Mount Union. January 22: Hollidaysburg at Huntingdon, Mount Union at Phillipsburg, Bellefonte at State College, Lewistown at Tyrone. January 26: Tyrone at Bellefonte, State College at Phillipsburg. January 29: Phillipsburg at Hollidaysburg, Huntingdon at Lewistown, Bellefonte at Mount Union, Tyrone at State College. February 2: Phillipsburg at Bellefonte, State College at Huntingdon, Lewistown at Mount Union, Hollidaysburg at Tyrone. February 5: Bellefonte at Lewistown, Mount Union at State College, Tyrone at Phillipsburg. February 6: Lewistown at Huntingdon. February 9: State College at Bellefonte, Huntingdon at Hollidaysburg, Mount Union at Tyrone. February 12: Tyrone at Hollidaysburg, Phillipsburg at Mount Union. February 13: Phillipsburg at Lewistown. February 19: Mount Union at Huntingdon, Hollidaysburg at State College, Bellefonte at Tyrone. February 19: Lewistown at Hollidaysburg, State College at Mount Union, Bellefonte at Phillipsburg. February 23: Huntingdon at Bellefonte, Hollidaysburg at Phillipsburg. February 26: Mount Union at Lewistown, Huntingdon at State College, Phillipsburg at Tyrone, Bellefonte at Hollidaysburg. March 1: Phillipsburg at Huntingdon, Hollidaysburg at Mount Union, Lewistown at State College. March 4: Mount Union at Bellefonte, State College at Hollidaysburg, Tyrone at Lewistown. March 8: Lewistown at Phillipsburg, Huntingdon at Tyrone.

YOU CAN SEND LETTERS BY TELEPHONE NOW

A new communication service has been made available today by the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, the American Telephone and Telegraph company and its associated companies in the Bell system.

This new service consists in the establishment and operation of central switching exchanges for teletypewriter machines that typewrite electrically over wires to a distant teletypewriter.

Any subscriber to this service can obtain connection with the teletypewriter of any other subscriber to the service within the same city or in a distant city and this will permit the immediate transmission of letter, typewritten statements or other information between the two subscribers.

In effect the method used for interconnection of the instrument is the same as that now employed in the telephone business.

The present teletypewriter service of the Bell System is furnished only in connection with private wires which are not connected to central switching points. This private wire service, now widely used for interoffice communication, will be continued as heretofore. The new switching service through teletypewriter exchanges is now possible because of developments in apparatus and operation. They permit intercommunication by teletypewriter on a nation-wide basis just as the development of switchboards made possible the interconnection of telephone instruments.

The new teletypewriter service will thus have the flexibility that characterizes the regular telephone service of the Bell companies. The establishment of switching offices similar to telephone exchanges enables subscribers to the new service to call and secure connections just as they do for local and long distance telephone conversations. While their teletypewriter lines are connected they may send or receive typed messages as desired.

Millholland-Fryberger. A perfectly appointed wedding took place in St. Paul's Episcopal church, Phillipsburg, at six o'clock last Saturday evening, when Miss Alice Nuttall Fryberger, daughter of Mrs. John E. Fryberger, became the bride of Paul Douglas Millholland, of New York city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. T. Eastment. There was the usual number of attendants and following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Millholland will make their home in New York.

A two inch post steel bed, four band Rome link spring and fifty pound cotton mattress, all for \$13.75.—W. R. Brachbill's furniture store. 47-1t

Guy Lucas, of Moshannon, was caught under a fall of rock in a small coal mine he was operating near his home, last Thursday afternoon, and lay unconscious several hours before being found by members of his family. He was removed from the mine and taken to the Phillipsburg hospital where it was found that he had sustained a fractured shoulder and body bruises.