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REAL VS. "FAIR WEATHER" DEMOCRATS

Naturally enough a lot of fellows who forgot there was a Democratic party the moment Woodrow Wilson had no more "pap" to hand out are beginning to prick up their ears, throw out their chests and whet their appetites.

The blunders of the Democracy of Pennsylvania have been many and serious, but we hope it has at least come to learn that we would have no party organization in the State if its life had been dependent on "fair weather Democrats."

National committeeman Sedgwick Kistler and State Chairman John Collins blew the breath of life into the corpse that those who had fattened on President Wilson's favors had made of the party in the State.

From their time, up and until, Mr. Kistler and Mr. Collins volunteered to go out into no-man's-land and drag back the shattered semblance of the old organization, there was really no Democratic party in Pennsylvania.

It is being charged that the recent meeting of the Democratic State Committee tried to defeat the purpose of the primary act by suggesting men and women for places on the ballot as delegates at large to the national convention of the party.

With the hope of reviving an interest in the councils of the party that died with the advent of the primary method of nominating candidates Mr. Kistler and Mr. Collins have been giving their time, spending their own money, in traveling over the State urging counties and districts to find something that might prove a substitute for the old precinct caucus, the county convention and the district conferences that were the heart of the party before the Primary act wiped them out.

Mr. Kistler and Mr. Collins, however, have not been urging the new idea because of any personal interest in candidates. Their objective has been solely to arouse interest in the party they are devoted to.

Neither Mr. Kistler nor Mr. Collins want to go to Chicago with the Pennsylvania delegation in their vest pocket. They are not Democrats for what they can get out of it.

Consider its power today and decide whether you are behind the sincere Democrats who are trying to revitalize it or the political opportunists whose only interest in its welfare is personal.

"RUTHLESS" ECONOMY IS NEEDED.

Arthur Harry Moore became Governor of New Jersey, for the second time on Tuesday. In his inaugural address he recommended the abolishment of forty State Commissions that had been created more to provide jobs than to render public service.

Mortgaging the future in order to provide relief for the present is an unsound economic process. If the country is unable to keep itself today what assurance is there that coming generations, that will have to pay the billions of dollars in bond issues that are being proposed to stem our present distress, will be able to keep themselves and bear the burden of debt they will have inherited from us.

There are those who say that the money is to be spent on public improvements that posterity will have the benefit of. Who can prove the correctness of such a contention? The rapidity with which civilization is advancing makes it quite conceivable that two decades from now many of the public works for which the future is to pay might be obsolete, utterly useless, in the scheme of things.

Our Counties, our States our Nation are successful or failures just as the individual citizens making up their population are successful or failures. Neither the individuals nor the corporate groups that govern them can hope for anything better until they realize that paying for this week's living out of next week's pay envelope is economic retrogression.

Governor Pinchot might well take a lesson from his fellow executive over the border. In Trenton "ruthless" economy, as Governor Moore put it, is to be practiced. In Harrisburg the intent seems to be ruthless extravagance.

The trail back to normalcy is going to be a long and distressful one. It can be shortened, however, if individuals and governments resolve to live within their means during the journey.

There has been too much of floating notes and bond issues, too much installment buying, too much extravagance begotten of the chimera of paper profits.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of January 27, 1882.

State Treasurer "Honest Farmer" Butler has been brought out as a candidate for the Republican nomination against our townsman Gen. James A. Beaver.

Sheep dogs are marauding in Huston township. On Sunday night they invaded the barn yard of John Fugate and mutilated eight so badly that it is thought none of them will live.

The funeral of the venerable Jacob Gates, of Gatesburg, took place on Friday last. He had lived to a ripe old age.

The new railroad to Scotia ore mines has been completed and ore is being shipped westward in large quantities. Already men are at work grading a spur, two and one half miles long, that will leave the main line near the Claude Hess farm and run in to the Toe Hill mine.

From Nittany comes the news that while the snow has about disappeared down there the ice is fine and farmers are filling their ice houses.

The Lutheran congregations at Zion and Snydertown are planning to build a new church, which is badly needed.

Jerry Gill has started a confectionery in one corner of his shoe shop at Pleasant Gap.

Wheat is 1.30, corn .75, oats .50, eggs .25, butter .35, lard 12, ham .15, bacon 10 and potatoes 1.25.

John G. Hall and Miss Minerva J. Hutton, both of Union township, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on January 17, by the Rev. J. Zeigler.

Mrs. Jacob Fishburn, of Benner township, died yesterday morning at the age of about 70. She will be buried at Shiloh.

Our friend Beck the barber cut 3013 heads of hair last year. Columns might be written about the eccentric and lovable "Barber Beck."

He was one of the "characters" of old Bellefonte and men who did most to make a little town big were his patrons.—Editor's Note.

The parrot at Zeller's drug store now sings "The Union Forever" quite as melodiously as we hear it sung by the masses on days when patriotic outbursts are usually appropriate.

Mrs. Elizabeth Switzer, relict of the late Abram Switzer, died at the home of her son Abram, at Coleville, on Sunday morning at the age of 87 years.

James P. Coburn Esq., the Republican leader and war hero of Pennsylvania and Brush valleys was in town on Tuesday and called to renew his subscription to the Watchman. "Jim" is so congenial that we are sure nature intended him to be a Democrat.

Stormstown can now boast of one of the largest stores in Centre county and has that price of good fellows, in the person of R. J. P. Gray to run it.

Robert Reed has purchased the Philip Carper farm in Patton township and will move onto it on April 1st.

Al Herkimer and William Reasner, both brakemen on the Snow Shoe R. R. met with accidents within the week that might maim them for life. In coupling cars their mittens stuck fast to the "bull nose" because of the severe cold and they could not release their hands in time to save them from being badly mangled.

JANUARY MEETING OF LOCAL CHAPTER, D. A. R.

The January meeting of the Bellefonte chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held at The Talleyrand last Friday evening, proved a most pleasing and cultural event.

The regent, Mrs. John Gray Love, promptly disposed of routine business. The name of Miss Mary Louise Willard was accepted for membership. Miss Anna McCoy, Miss Miriam Dreese and Mrs. T. E. Gravatt were appointed a committee to receive contributions of knitting and sewing materials to be sent to Ellis Island to be used in hand-work by the immigrants waiting there; and Mrs. Charles F. Mensch and Miss Mary A. Foster a committee to take orders for Wedgwood dinner plates which are being sponsored by the D. A. R. in connection with the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

Mrs. Walter T. McCormick read excerpts from a Uniontown newspaper telling of the relics being unearthed in the process of reconstruction, by the American Legion, of Fort Necessity, erected by George Washington, then a lieutenant colonel, in 1754. The building of a bridge at Fort Necessity is the work of the D. A. R.

Then followed a delightful and scholarly address on the subject, "George Washington," by Dr. W. F. Dunaway, professor of history at the Pennsylvania State College. Dr. Dunaway, who is a member of a Virginia chapter, Sons of the Revolution, and whose own home was not far from Washington's birthplace, Wakefield, Westmoreland county, Virginia, paid high tribute to Washington as a man, soldier and statesman. "Washington was," he said, "the moral, steady force at the new government."

The hostesses of the meeting were Miss Mrs. Humes, Miss Sara Benner, Miss Helen E. C. Overton, Mrs. Wilk, n Gray, Miss Elizabeth Green and Miss Helene Williams. Mrs. Gray and Miss Williams received the guests.

A HODGE-PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS.

John Paul Jones celebrated his 51st birthday anniversary, on Monday, and he did it by going about his daily duties as runner for the First National bank of Bellefonte. Shortly after the close of the Civil war Paul's parents, William and Hannah Jones, came to Bellefonte. Mr. Jones had been a "sailor boy" and served with distinction during the Civil war. Because of this fact Governor Andrew G. Curtin became interested in his welfare and along about 1867 had him appointed night watchman and runner in the First National bank, a job he held for thirty years until the morning of June 8th, 1897, when he was found dead in bed. He was buried with military honors.

Following his funeral his only son, John Paul, took over his duties as night watchman and runner for the bank. He was then only a little past sixteen years of age and for almost thirty-five years he has stuck to the job. Between father and son they have a record of sixty-five years on the one job, long enough to have owned the bank and be working inside the grided windows instead of on the outside. But he is content in his position and always strives to give faithful service.

Of course most everybody has had so far, and the farmers plowing, etc., but we lately heard of one farmer in the county who still has corn to husk and part of his potato crop in the ground. The corn is in the barn floor and he avers that the potatoes are keeping better in the ground than they would in the cellar. Whenever he needs a few for home consumption he goes out and digs them, because there has not yet been frost enough in the ground to hurt the tubers. Recently he decided he'd have enough dug to last some time and he hired a man to do the job. The man dug six bushels and when the farmer offered him five bushels of the potatoes as pay for digging the six he said he'd sooner have the money and his charge for doing the work was about fifty per cent. more than the potatoes were worth. So the next time the farmer wants potatoes he'll dig them himself.

Reporting income tax returns a newspaper story, last week, stated that there are over five hundred millionaires in the United States, and for fear somebody might be looking this way we want to call attention to the fact that we are not one of them.

Up in Elk county there's a town which has been pretty hard hit by Old Man Depression. In it is a man who owns a three story block with stores on the street floor and apartments above. But all his apartments have been vacant for a year and his income from the block is not sufficient to pay the upkeep and taxes, and he has tried to sell the property and cannot get a buyer. An undertaker in the same town got behind financially and found himself in the sands of the sheriff. All his personal possessions were sold until it came to the hearse, but not a bid could be obtained for it, so the man still has his experience and a dead wagon to carry on his business.

Down in Memphis, Tenn., is a Methodist minister who must have unmitigated confidence in the awakening powers of his pulpit oratory as he has offered to pay a dollar to every member of his church who goes to sleep during one of his sermons. Were he to come to Bellefonte and try the same thing on some of the congregations we have heard of he wouldn't have dollars enough left after he paid up to get down to Milesburg.

We frequently hear it said of men who, after they have gotten well along in years, quit work and move to town that they have retired to Easy Street, but our observation during the past few years leads us to believe that said street must have been closed for repairs.

Looking over the jury list drawn for the February term of court we notice that eight women have been drawn for duty on the grand jury, and we are uncertain whether to congratulate those against whom bills of indictment will be presented or sympathize with them. Of course we are not questioning the judgment of the women or their ability to play the game fair and square but some of them are more easily swayed by sympathy and a good appearance than men—unless the victim happens to be a good looking woman.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Charles H. Thompson, of Bellefonte, and Clara Viola Mann, of Howard.

Charles Lee Byron and Glendora Lowers, both of Philipsburg.

Kenneth Musser, of State College, and Ella Rider, of Bellefonte.

A car load of prisoners were transferred from the western penitentiary, at Pittsburgh, to the institution at Rockview last Friday.

Dance in Saint John's parish house this (Friday) evening, between 9 and 12. Admission, 35 cents. Refreshments.

PATIENTS TREATED AT COUNTY HOSPITAL

Irene Kern, 13-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kern, of Spring Mills, on Monday of last week underwent surgical treatment and was discharged the same day. Miss Sarah M. Shuey, of Lemont, on Monday of last week was admitted as a surgical patient. George R. Gross, of Bellefonte, was a medical patient for several days last week, he having been admitted on Monday and discharged Saturday.

William J. Porter, of Dayton, Pa., last Monday was admitted for surgical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meyers, of Pennsylvania Furnace, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, at the hospital on Monday of last week.

Mrs. Florence M. Dugan, of Bellefonte, a surgical patient since January 4, was discharged from the hospital last Monday.

Fannie E. Speese, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Speese, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Monday, after having undergone treatment.

Mrs. Mary Ann Shutt, of Bellefonte, was admitted last Tuesday as a medical patient.

Mrs. Walter Johnson, of Patton township, was admitted last Tuesday for medical treatment.

George Borest, of Halfmoon township, a surgical patient, was discharged last Tuesday.

Charles R. Kentley, of Unionville, was discharged last Tuesday after having undergone surgical treatment.

Robert J. Reese, of State College, was discharged from the hospital last Wednesday after having been a surgical patient.

Mrs. Earl Grove, of Potter township, was discharged last Wednesday after having undergone surgical treatment.

Mrs. Charles Himes, of Gregg township, after undergoing surgical treatment, was discharged last Wednesday.

Mrs. Paul Howard and daughter, of Bellefonte, were discharged last Wednesday.

Clyde M. Stamm, of Gregg township, was discharged from the hospital last Wednesday after receiving surgical treatment.

Miss Barbara Keeler, of Spring township, is a medical patient, having been admitted last Wednesday.

Mrs. Eugene Brooks, of State College, became a surgical patient last Wednesday and was discharged from the hospital the following day.

Wilkie Benzey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Benzey, of Benner township, was admitted last Thursday for a day's surgical treatment.

Mrs. J. F. Weaver, of Milesburg, became a medical patient last Thursday.

Harry Roan, of State College, is a surgical patient, having been admitted last Thursday.

William J. Carter, of Bellefonte, a medical patient, was discharged on Friday.

Mrs. Milford Lucas, of Blanchard, was returned to her home, Friday, after having undergone surgical treatment.

Bunny Mitchell, a student at the Bellefonte Academy, on Friday was admitted to the hospital where he is undergoing surgical treatment.

Miss Hazel Reichner, of Boggs township, became a surgical patient on Friday and was discharged the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hiner, of State College R. D. 2, are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born at the hospital on Friday.

Wade McKinley, aged 8 years, son of Mrs. Violet McKinley, of Boggs township, was admitted on Friday as a surgical patient.

Miss Anna Harshbarger, of Potter township, a medical patient, was discharged on Saturday.

Mrs. Mary I. Heeman, of Pleasant Gap, a medical patient, was admitted to the hospital, Saturday.

Mrs. Frances Henderson, of Milesburg, is a medical patient, having been admitted on Saturday.

Mrs. H. P. Keeler, of State College, on Saturday was admitted for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Eugene F. McClellan, of Potter's Bank, on Saturday became a surgical patient.

Mrs. Bryson Baird and infant, of Milesburg, were discharged on Sunday.

Walter F. Dippery, of State College, became a surgical patient on Sunday.

Miss Eleanor Harshbarger, of Pennsylvania Furnace, became a medical patient on Sunday.

SAWMILL AT HOWARD DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The sawmill and a considerable quantity of manufactured lumber, the property of Malcolm R. Pifer, at Howard, was totally destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. The fire was discovered about four o'clock and it was almost an hour later when a call for help was sent to Bellefonte. The Undine Fire company went down with their pumper and the Logans took the hose in their squad truck, but when they arrived there the mill was already in ruins and the piles of lumber were ablaze. The fire is believed to have originated from sparks from the fire under the boiler.

The loss is estimated at from \$1200 to \$1500. Mr. Pifer carried no insurance.

GREAT CROWDS HEAR EVANGELIST PALMER

Sunday was a great day at the Bellefonte Evangelical church of which Rev. A. Ward Campbell is pastor. The evangelistic campaign, conducted by Miss Sara C. Palmer, swung into its second week when the splendid audience present listened to an inspiring message on "Jesus as Saviour, Shepherd and King."

In the afternoon again, with a most interested crowd present, the evangelist brought a masterful message on the Bible. It was a message that created a longing in every heart to know the Old Book and to tell its precious truths to others. The music at all three services was excellent and the choir surpassed everything it has done before when it led the congregation in the evening through the praise service. It had been announced that 99 men would be present as guests of the evening and would sing Sankey's old and popular song, "The Ninety and Nine," but there were present in the audience 175 men, besides the large number of women who crowded in to the remaining seats in the auditorium, filled the Sunday-school room to capacity and overflowed into all the class rooms until there was not another seat left. Miss Palmer, without any sign of fatigue, in spite of the heavy day's work, spoke on the story of Zaccheus. Her word picture of the outstanding Bible character was remarkably clear and was embellished with illustrations so apt and appropriate that each man present felt he would like to obey, as never before, the command of the Man of Galilee, "Make haste and come down for today I must abide at thy house," and following the example of Zaccheus take him to his home without further delay.

The meetings will be continued throughout the week preceded each night by a prayer meeting at seven o'clock. Tonight the subject will be home night and family night. A prize will be awarded the largest family present. The boys and girls, between the ages of 8 and 15, are in training this week under the leadership of Miss Palmer and they will give another of their fine programs tonight and the subject for the occasion will be, "An Ideal Home."

There will be no meetings on Saturday but three great meetings on Sunday. At 10:30 Sunday morning the subject will be, "A Crown of Righteousness." Another great mass meeting Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, when the evangelist will give her famous lecture, "Is Prohibition A Failure," and at 7:30 Miss Palmer will speak on, "From Shipyard to Ocean Bed."

ANNUAL MEETING OF BELLEFONTE TRUST CO.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bellefonte Trust company was held on Tuesday, when the old board of directors were re-elected, as follows: J. L. Spangler, C. Y. Wagner, W. J. Emerick, J. Thompson, Henry D. M. Kline, L. H. McMullen, N. E. Robb, J. L. Seibert and F. L. Wetzel. The board organized by electing J. L. Spangler, president; C. Y. Wagner, vice president; N. E. Robb, secretary and treasurer and trust officer; Earl S. Orr, assistant secretary and treasurer and H. R. Williams, assistant treasurer and assistant trust officer.

The auditor's report showed a most satisfactory year despite the depression, the total resources of the bank being \$1,446,656.65, with trust funds and corporate trusts amounting to \$1,412,497.95. The net earnings for the year were \$26,045.34, of which amount \$16,000 were applied to the payment of dividends and the balance placed to the account of undivided profits. The bank has not missed paying a dividend since its organization October 7th, 1904.

Following the business meeting a banquet was served at the Penn Belle hotel. The speaker for the occasion was G. A. Price, vice president and trust officer of the Peoples-Pittsburgh Trust Co., of Pittsburgh, who talked on "Wills, Trusts and Estates." Music during the banquet was furnished by Mrs. Louis Schrad, Mrs. R. Russell Blair and Miss Helen Garbrick.

BOALSBURG

Mr. Kryder, of Centre Hall, was in town on Wednesday.

Miss Anna Dale visited friends in Bellefonte on Wednesday.

Theodore Segner and family, of State College, spent Sunday at the Charles Segner home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bryson, of Watsonstown, are spending some time at the home of Mrs. M. A. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hess, of Altoona, newlyweds, were given a callithumpian serenade, on Saturday evening, at the E. W. Hess home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mothersbaugh attended the funeral of their aunt, Miss Amanda Mothersbaugh, of Altoona, on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Stuart, of Crafton, drove in for the funeral and spent part of Sunday with friends in town.

A number of persons from this vicinity are attending the farm show, at Harrisburg, this week. Miss Rishel and two pupils, Kathryn Lucas and Susan Wagner, are representing the home economics department of the Harris township vocational school.