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A DANGER TO BE AVOIDED.

So far as the Watchman is concerned it advocates the nomination of no one of the many possible candidates who might be called by the Democratic party to be its standard bearer in the coming presidential campaign.

As Clinton W. Gilbert said in his "Daily Mirror of Washington," published in the Philadelphia Public Ledger recently, our party has a plethora of outstanding men who measure up to standards of fitness seldom found available for leadership at a time when a candidate for President is to be chosen. In the same article he inferentially contrasted the richness of the Democratic party in that respect with the poverty of his own.

With Roosevelt, Baker, Ritchie, Smith, Young, Traylor, Garner and Buckley, all to draw from, certainly there will be no dearth of presidential timber when our party's national convention assemblies in Chicago in June.

The Democrats have a chance to elect a President. The chance will improve or diminish, directly in proportion to the squabbles set up by advocates of the many excellent men who are available as its standard bearer. No one can foresee what might happen during the next five months. Today it looks as if Governor Roosevelt, of New York, is the man of the hour. Tomorrow the temper of the country might change. Those who know their politics will remember how suddenly the Republicans dropped Gen. Wood and nominated Harding. Also they will recall that after Champ Clark had mustered an actual majority in our convention at Baltimore he was shelved because judgment, at the moment of choice, decided that Woodrow Wilson had the better chance of winning what the party, after all, should be most concerned about: An opportunity to give the country government under Democratic principles.

The Watchman hopes that Pennsylvania will select delegates at large and from its congressional districts who are committed to none of the avowed or possible candidates for President. This hope is inspired wholly because its interest in the success of Democracy is above the ambition of any individual.

Pennsylvania Democrats can render their party a signal service if they send unfettered men and women to Chicago; delegates who have the acumen to discern what candidate, in June, embodies the elements most necessary to success. Men and women of sound judgment free to step in and prevent a recurrence of what happened in our National Convention in 1920 and 1924.

It should be remembered that we are only to select delegates. It is for the convention to nominate a candidate.

A GREAT PARTY IS MAKING GOOD.

The way the new Democratic Congress has stepped on the gas and sent governmental machinery in Washington into high gear has fairly startled the country. For years Democrats have been pleading to deaf ears for a chance to show what they could do. Given it, they have done more than the most optimistic hoped for. And they have done it at the sacrifice of the greatest opportunity any party has ever had to take partisan advantage of its opposition.

President Hoover's administration could have been left to go down in history as the most utterly incapable one the country has ever known. In the face of a national calamity a great party has elected to do for him what his own would not. Well might the Democratic leaders in Congress do to President Hoover what the Lodges and the Moseses of the Senate did to President Wilson, but they have the broader vision that duty to their country comes before partisan party advantage.

It may be that their coming to the rescue of the President is too late to save the country from the results of his own party's ineptitude during the first three years of his administration. In any event they have inspired public confidence in Democracy's sincerity to a point where it will probably be given control of the Senate next fall.

It will not require much of a change to accomplish that desirable end. At present there are forty-seven Democrats in that body. Two more would give the party a working majority of two. In the fall elections thirty-three senatorial seats will be filled. Eighteen at present filled by Republicans and fifteen by Democrats. Most of the Democratic seats are from southern States that are sure to keep their political complexion as they are now, while many of the Republican vacancies to be in States where recent elections indicate that Democrats have more than a fighting chance.

Even if there were not the unmistakable trend toward Democracy that is everywhere evident the broad minded manner in which the new Democratic Congress has set itself to the task of constructive legislation would have inspired such a trend.

DISCOVERING THE PINCHOTS.

The Pennsylvania Threshermen and the Pennsylvania Sportsmen's League are the upper and nether mill stones that are just now grinding the Pinchots exceeding fine. The Threshermen once thought the Governor was a new Moses come to Pennsylvania to lead the farmers of the State out of the wilderness. At their banquet in 1930, he launched his second campaign for Governor and at a later one was conceived in ecstasy the "get-the-farmers-out-of-the-mud" plan that is now being born in pain all over the State.

The Threshermen met at Harrisburg again last week. Having no more flap doddle for the gudegones the Governor was conspicuous by his absence and the Threshermen came out of the hypnotic "spell" he had held them under. Came out with a vengeance. Unanimously, they passed a resolution condemning his administration as "one of gross extravagance and devoid of accomplishment."

In Pittsburgh, Saturday night, five hundred sportsmen met to lambaste the Governor for putting personal politics into the Game Commission and permitting his wife to hire and fire in furtherance of her ambition to represent the Fifteenth Pennsylvania District in Congress.

They produced documentary evidence to prove that the Governor thinks he has the right to use a department supported entirely by the licenses paid by the hunters and fishermen of Pennsylvania to chastise anyone "who actively opposes" him "politically." Letters from the Governor's personal secretary, McCallum revealed that game protectors, refuge keepers and others are being dismissed for no other reason than that their dismissal is "a special request of Mrs. Pinchot and should be taken care of immediately."

Never has such high handed assumption of power and such peanut politics been played in Pennsylvania as has been the rule since the Pinchots came into the political life of the State.

The awakening is coming, however. The Pennsylvania Threshermen and the Sportsmen's League have started the State to wonderment as to whether all is gold that glitters.

Talks With The Editor

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. Contributions will be signed or initialed, as the contributor may desire.—ED.

Eighty-five and Going Strong.

Atlantic City, N. J. Jan. 12, 1932.

Democratic Watchman: I celebrated my 85th Christmas in Atlantic City. I was just two months and thirteen days old when I celebrated my first one on my mother's lap in Bellefonte in 1847.

If I continue in the health I am now enjoying I should think I ought to be good for a few more Christmas celebrations. At least I can truthfully say that I am very much stronger now than I was when lying on my mother's lap eighty-five years ago.

Love to all

JAMES I. MCCLURE

We are sure that all of his many friends will join us in the hope that Mr. McClure will be spared to rival that other remarkable Bellefonte boy, T. B. Hamilton, who at the age of ninety-four, started off alone for New York city last week.

Not a Bad Idea, at That.

New York City, Jan. 18, 1932.

The Bellefonte Watchman, Bellefonte, Penna.

Dear Sir:—

Appropos your comment in a recent Watchman as to Mills Bros. receiving a salary four times that of the President. Possibly it might be worth to the country, four times his present salary, if we could persuade him to jump his present contract and join the Columbia network. Not, however, that I would like to listen to his song, but still and all it might be worth that to the country at large.

Yours truly

C. A. YARRINGTON

CANTWELL ADVANCES IN OHIO HIGHWAY DEPT.

The following from an Ashland, Ohio, paper concerns a young man in whose success many Bellefonte friends are interested. Mr. Cantwell is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. John Mignot, of east High street, having married their only daughter, the former Miss Margaret Mignot.

E. G. Cantwell, 203 Ferrell avenue, assistant engineer in charge of bridges of No. 3 state highway division, was named as assistant division engineer by Ivan R. Ault, new division engineer of Division 3. Cantwell fills the vacancy created by Ault's promotion this week to the position of division engineer. Ault was named earlier in the week to replace T. S. Brindle, appointed state director of public works by State Highway Director O. W. Merrill. Cantwell assumed his new duties today.

No immediate successor will be named for Cantwell, Ault stated. The State's winter relief bridge-building program of which Cantwell was in charge of activities in this division, is now well under way and will not require an engineer in charge of bridges for the time being, the division engineer states.

A native of Bellefontaine, Logan county, Cantwell was graduated from Notre Dame University in 1924. He then became associated with the Pennsylvania state highway department, remaining there until 1927. Cantwell came to Division No. 3 of the Ohio department in 1927 as assistant engineer, remaining here until 1929 when he became assistant engineer in the Akron highway department. In April of 1931 he returned here as assistant engineer in charge of bridges.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO INCOME TAXPAYERS

For the convenience of those who are required by law to file federal income tax returns, Toner A. Hugg, a deputy collector of internal revenue, will be at

Phillipsburg, February 26th, Moshannon Bank building.

Bellefonte, March 5, 14 and 15, court house.

Milesburg, February 27, revenue office.

State College, March 7, post office building.

to assist taxpayers in preparing their returns. No charge will be made for this service.

The matter of filing your income tax return should be given immediate attention in order to avoid penalty and interest.

Form 1040A should be used if the income is derived chiefly from salaries and wages, and does not exceed \$5,000.

Form 1040 should be used for net income of more than \$5,000 or net incomes regardless of amount if derived from a profession or business, including farming, or from rents or sales of property.

Your return for the calendar year 1931 should be filed not later than March 15, 1932, with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which you reside or have your principal place of business.

A penalty of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, and in addition 25 per cent of the amount of tax, is imposed by the statute for willful failure to make return on time.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of February 3, 1882.

—Landlord McMillan, of the Brockerhoff house, upset his mother-in-law while out sleighing on Wednesday. Some fellows might be mean enough to insinuate that he did it on purpose.

—Governor Curtin, our distinguished representative at Washington, is again afflicted with a big carbuncle on the back of his neck.

—One of the pleasantest events of the season at Snyderstown was the marriage ceremony there, on January 25, by which Mr. Beck and Miss Maggie Lutz were made man and wife. The boys of the neighborhood improved the occasion to give the happy couple a rousing serenade.

—For several months Lewis Zimmerman has been prospecting for iron ore on the farm of Shuman Zimmerman in Walker township. Thus far he has sunk eight shafts and in every one has found good deposits of the metal, the veins running from three to twenty-feet thick.

—At the concert in the Evangelical church in Hubersburg, last Saturday night, a little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Aiken, of this place, brought down the house with her rendition of the "Bird Song."

—There is splendid sleighing in this section now.

—The Centre county jail now holds nine inmates and none of them are in for long terms.

—And still the Methodist revival in Bellefonte goes on. This is the ninth or tenth week. It is truly wonderful. Never in our recollection has there been such an outpouring of Spirit upon any church in this section.

—While loading hogs to take to Spring Mills Josiah, eighteen year old son of Henry Zeigler, of Pleasant Gap, was quite seriously injured when his team started suddenly and threw him from the wagon.

—The Republican county committee met in Hastings' law office here on Tuesday and selected delegates to the Republican State convention, to be held in Harrisburg in May. Col. James P. Coburn, Col. James Milliken and John B. Linn Esq., were chosen. They were unanimously instructed to support General Beaver for Governor.

—Mrs. Sarah Waltz died at her home in Harrisonville, near Pleasant Gap, last Friday at the age of 78. She was the widow of John Waltz, who died about ten years ago, and had fought in the war of 1812 under Gen. Scott. She was the mother of twelve children. The Waltz family came to Centre county from New York State in 1822 and settled first near Spring Mills.

—The Milesburg Odd Fellows are erecting a new hall over the channel of the abandoned canal through that place.

—While on his way here to act as a grand juror at court last Thursday Ezra Fisher, of Pleasant Gap, was quite seriously injured near Snow Shoe Intersection, slipped on some ice and fell heavily to the ground. His head struck on something and he has been so dazed since that he can remember nothing about the accident.

—George Deitz, hostler at the Pleasant Gap hotel, is suffering with a peculiar affliction. A piece of rye straw, commonly known as a "snake bone," ran into the palm of his hand recently and infection developed so rapidly that it is feared amputation will be necessary to save his life.

—Francis Hugeney, of Covington township, Clearfield county, and a veteran of the First Napoleonic wars, died last Thursday, at the age of 93. He was a Grenadier and served in the campaign in Germany and Spain. He came to America in 1832, arriving in Bellefonte on July 2 of that year and worked at the iron works at Hecla furnace for three years.

—The old Franklin hotel, at Milesburg, so long kept by sheriff T. M. Hall, is being converted into dwellings.

—Last Sunday telephone communication was established between Bellefonte and DuBois. Those who talked said they could hear every word spoken by the people at the other end of the wire.

—Much excitement in Bellefonte on Wednesday when it was reported that there was a case of small pox in the Gordon house on Penn street, between Derstine's and Jacobs'. Investigation proved it false. Mrs. Gordon is seriously ill with consumption and had had another hemorrhage, which probable started the distorted story.

—There is still one Bellefonte team of athletes who can bring back the bacon from Altoona. On Saturday night the Bellefonte Hi-Y club went to that city and defeated the Altoona Hi-Y players by the score of 22 to 11. Altoona has been beaten only twice this season and both times it has been Bellefonte that has turned the trick. In the last game our boys' defense was so tight that their opponents couldn't break through for a single basket.

—On the desk before us lies a branch from a plum tree that is growing in the garden at the Bellefonte borough home. It was broken from the tree on Wednesday and the blossoms on it are almost completely out.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Willis C. Duck, of Pleasant Gap, and Sara M. McClellan, of Lewisburg.

G. Richard Slack and Hazel Emma Vonada, both of Spring Mills.

A HODGE-PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS.

Don't take a friend out for an automobile ride late at night and fail to bring him back until the next morning, if you don't relish the limelight of sensational public excitement. A Bellefonte man did it last week, unthinkingly, and half the people of the town were aroused from their slumbers shortly after four o'clock in the morning to hunt for a man who was believed to have wandered away and fallen down and hurt himself so he couldn't return, or committed suicide, or been abducted for a pay check he is said to have received several days previous, or murdered, or just vanished inexplicably. Of course the man was not murdered or a suicide. He simply accompanied a friend on a drive to Fishing creek and both spent the night in camp there, entirely unconscious of the turmoil in town until they returned home about 9.30 o'clock the next morning.

G. R. Spigelmyer has as a relic a copy of the Farmers' Almanac, published in Lancaster in 1830, which makes it 102 years old. It was the fifth volume of the almanac, which has been published continuously ever since, and is now in its 107th volume. Many farmers throughout the State place great dependence in the farm lore published in the almanac, planting and harvesting their crops according to it's dictates and probably picking potato bugs when the little book says they are ripe for picking.

Major Lynn G. Adams, superintendent of the State police, says that fighting crime in Pennsylvania costs \$20,000,000 annually and he offers as a remedy an increase in the State police force. We've got a better remedy than that. Change the laws so there will be no inducement for petty officials to farm their jobs. During the past year or so the Watchman has repeatedly called attention to the mounting of court costs in Centre county. By this we do not mean costs connected with the trial of legitimate cases or those connected with court officials, but there is one law which we firmly believe is sadly abused, and that is the one entitling justices of the peace to issue warrants for arrest on most any kind of a complaint, and after hearing the testimony "discharge the defendant and place the costs upon the county." The case is then returned to the clerk of court, entered upon the quarter sessions docket and the 'Squire, the constable and all the petty officers collect their fees from the county cash box. Looking over the quarter sessions docket for the February term of court we noticed that to date there are exactly 161 entries. Of this number just 49 are cases returned by justices of the peace for lack of evidence and county pay the costs. Such costs in the 49 cases amount to \$724.20, or an average of \$14.78 a case. As it is a month yet until the date for the February court it is quite certain a number more of such cases will appear on the docket. From this it can be seen that upwards of \$3000 are paid out every year as costs in cases that never should have been brought, even before a justice of the peace.

Next Tuesday will be February 2nd and naturally groundhog day. According to groundhog weather prophets the pesky little critter hasn't been holed up all winter so there will be no use of watching for him to come out of his hole and look for his shadow next Tuesday. One month and a week of the official winter season has passed, and inasmuch as we have had no real winter yet it can hardly be expected that we'll go through the next six weeks as easily. But the days are growing longer and the sun is getting stronger and whatever of winter we do get will not be so long-drawn-out as if it had started when the almanac said it should.

Our young friend, John M. Fleming, the alpha and omega of the reportorial staff of the Phillipsburg Journal, was in Lewisburg, last week, helping federal Judge Johnson in U. S. district court. John had an overweening desire to go to Scranton but he didn't want to chuck his job long enough to make the trip. So he had his name put in the district court jury wheel, but when the first drawing was made it came out for Lewisburg, which is just as far from Scranton as Phillipsburg so far as John's desires are concerned.

FARM HOUSE BURNED IN COLLEGE TOWNSHIP

The large house on the old Emanuel Musser farm, near Millbrook, in College township, was completely destroyed by fire, with all its contents, about two o'clock on Monday morning. The house was occupied by Luther Kline and family and so rapidly did the flames spread that Mr. and Mrs. Kline had barely time to get their three children out safely, hence were unable to save anything. The State College fire company responded to a call for help but were handicapped by a lack of water. Mr. Kline carried some insurance, but not enough to cover his loss.

DEPUTY SHERIFF HOY WAS A BUSY MAN DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

Traveled 86,956 Miles on Official Business or Almost Three and a Half Times Around the World.

The position of deputy sheriff in Centre county is not an easy berth, by any means, for a man who does the work thoroughly, as evidenced by a summary of the activities of Sinie H. Hoy, deputy under Sheriff Harry E. Dunlap during the past four years.

In that period he served a total of 965 writs and citations, 190 in 1928, 211 in 1929, 264 in 1930 and 300 in 1931.

Levies made aggregated 497, which included 91 in 1928, 176 in 1929, 100 in 1930 and 130 in 1931.

A total of 263 sheriff's sales were posted, 57 in 1928, 69 in 1929, 74 in 1930 and 63 in 1931.

Of the sales posted, however, only 192 were held, 44 in 1928, 53 in 1929, 48 in 1930 and 47 in 1931.

A total of 351 warrants were served and arrests made, which included 120 in 1928, 92 in 1929, 77 in 1930 and 62 in 1931.

Subpoenas in divorce served aggregated 102, 27 in 1928, 22 in 1929, 32 in 1930 and 21 in 1931.

The number of prisoners taken out of the county was 89, 14 in 1928, 24 in 1929, 23 in 1930 and 28 in 1931.

The number of prisoners brought into the county was 39, 8 in 1928, 14 in 1929, 11 in 1930 and 6 in 1931.

The total of miles traveled included 20,729 in 1928, 22,480 in 1929, 20,497 in 1930 and 23,268 in 1931, or a grand total of 86,956.

While the work kept Mr. Hoy pretty busy most of the time he avers that he enjoyed it and considers his term one of the most congenial four year periods of his life. The work, of course, has its unpleasant features, especially when it came to selling a man out of house and home by sheriff's sale, but he always gave the man every possible chance to effect a settlement of the claims against him before the sale was held. This is proven by the fact that while 263 sales were posted only 192 were actually held. In one case a man had advertised his farm stock and machinery for public sale before a sheriff's levy was made. When the legal papers were served he declared he would call off his public sale and let the Sheriff get what he could out of his property. Mr. Hoy finally persuaded him not to do so, but to give him a legal attachment on the proceeds of the sale to the amount of his claims and costs and go ahead with the public sale which would undoubtedly bring in better returns than a sheriff's sale. The man finally did so and the result was that the proceeds of his public sale not only paid all his outstanding obligations but left him a little over three thousand dollars to the good.

Of course a Sheriff always has varied and peculiar experiences in making arrests, serving summonses and making levies, and Mr. Hoy had his share of them, but always came out a winner in the end. During the past year he was sent out to bring in a bootlegger. He found his man at home and engaged in work he couldn't very well afford to leave. So he asked if there wasn't some way he could fix things without going to jail. The Sheriff told him he could give a bond. He did so and after the papers were executed offered the sheriff a drink of moonshine, home brew or anything he wanted. The Sheriff finally accepted it. It was no unusual thing for both a man and his wife to hide when the Sheriff would go to a place to make a levy, instructing the children to say they were not at home. But they were invariably found some place in the house. On at least one occasion the Sheriff had reason to believe that a woman held a gun behind her when she confronted him but she made no effort to use it.

Mr. Hoy's work as deputy sheriff was principally with the civil business of the office while Sheriff Dunlap, himself, looked after the bulk of the criminal or quarter sessions stuff, and the fact that many more cases have appeared on the docket during the past four years than in any former sheriff's term is evidence that he was also a busy man.

METHODISTS START REVIVAL MEETINGS

The wonderful evangelistic services that have been attracting crowds to the Evangelical church in this place for several weeks are drawing to a close and the Methodist people are taking up the work of continuing the effort to bring about a community spiritual awakening.

The Methodist meetings started on Sunday and will be continued as long as there is interest enough manifested to justify holding them. "The Galbraiths," father and daughter, are in charge of the music and have succeeded in making that part of the service exceedingly arousing. On Monday night Dr. Geo. S. Womer, of Phillipsburg, was the preacher and conducted the altar service with such an appeal that three penitents went forward.

Services will be held every evening, except Saturday, through next week and all are urged to attend.