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FOR GOV. PINCHOT'S CONSIDERATION.

If an extra session of the Pennsylvania Legislature is called Governor Pinchot could go far toward bolstering up his waning prestige in the State if he were to greet the Assembly with a declaration of intent to cut the salaries of every State employee, starting with his own, as much as those engaged in corporate or private business enterprises have been cut.

Nobody wants to see wages reduced, but since no method to avoid it has been found during the two years that economists and financiers have been searching for one practical employers have been forced to make reductions in order to keep what little business they do have.

In Bellefonte, semi-skilled labor is working for twenty-five cents an hour. That is small compensation for the rough, back breaking grind that labor in our quarries endures. It is better than nothing, however, and since the law of supply and demand governs the labor market, exactly as it does the commodity market, there are thousands of unemployed ready to take the places of any who refuse to accept it.

The problem of wage cuts is a more serious one now than it has ever been before in the history of American industry, for the reason that there are so many young workers who have never known anything else than a four or five or six dollar day. To them the dollar and a half their fathers worked for forty years ago has been mere cigarette money.

The change brings on another serious matter to be taken into consideration. A generation raised to regard as necessities things that the preceding one considered luxuries will not give them up without some mental rebellion. In that state the masses need only a leader to focus their attention on the government. Always constituted authority is held responsible for the condition of its subjects and looked to for betterment of their condition.

When men who are forced to take twenty-five cents an hour know that within the year eight hundred new positions have been created in Harrisburg at an annual cost of a million dollars to them, when they know that among the thousands of State employees there are many, receiving from three to six thousand dollars a year, who in the present competitive employment market, would be lucky if they could get half such sums, mental unrest is increased.

A far more dangerous situation confronts the State and the Nation than those who have been delegated to govern seem to realize. While it is hoped they are not the Neros who fiddle while Rome burns, unless something is done soon there is very grave danger that history might have to class them with the witless Roman Emperor.

To prevent the possibility of such a disaster no other sedative would be more efficacious right now than one prescribed specially for the mind of American labor. We submit, to that end, that the Governor would be hailed as a great doctor if he were to start the process of curing the State by prescribing the same dose for its employees that those who provide the taxes to pay them have no other alternative than to take.

MR. GUFFEY REVEALS THE REAL PURPOSE.

The real motive that led to the exploitation of the Roosevelt candidacy in the recent Pennsylvania primaries will be revealed next Thursday, May 19, when the Democratic State Committee meets in Harrisburg for the purpose of organizing for the coming campaign.

Then an attempt will be made to defeat our present Chairman, John R. Collins, as well as our member of the National Committee, Sedgwick Kistler. Both gentlemen have given the party unselfish devotion during the past four years and proper reward for their service would be retention at the posts they have filled so satisfactorily.

However, as is always the case when victory seems at hand, men who have stood on the firing line in the less hopeful battles are turned upon by political soldiers of fortune when they scent the spoils.

Warren Van Dyke, resigned publicity director under the Collins regime, is a candidate to displace his former chief as State Chairman. Joseph F. Guffey, of Pittsburgh, the gentleman who so smoothly masked his own ambitions under the pretense of saving Pennsylvania for Roosevelt, has revealed his real purpose in the announcement that he is a candidate to succeed Mr. Kistler.

While it might be said in extenuation of Mr. Van Dyke's perfidy to the organization that supported him in a prominent position for four years, that he has been misled there is no such explanation of Mr. Guffey's position. The latter always was and is a politician, eager to capitalize himself regardless of the cost to the party.

The very fact that John O'Donnell, minority Commissioner of Philadelphia by grace of his subservience to the Vane machine of that city, will be found throwing whatever strength he might muster from that city behind the Guffey aspirations, should be proof to the real Democrats that this is no time to replace Mr. Kistler with anyone and especially with Mr. Guffey.

Gen. Smedley D. Butler, defeated candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator, has declared his intention of supporting the ticket. Not so, however, with the gentleman who inveigled him into the footless fight he made. Governor Pinchot has made no statement about whom he will support in November. The recent declaration of Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska, to the effect that he will support Roosevelt, if nominated by the Democrats, in preference to Hoover, reveals that the radicals in his party have not given up hope of putting an independent ticket in the field. Since Mr. Pinchot is aligned with that wing of the Republicans his silence is significant.

The fact that Gaston B. Means, erstwhile agent of the Federal Department of Justice, ex-convict and whatnot, was able to wheedle a hundred thousand dollars each out of Mrs. Edward B. McLean and Mrs. Finley J. Shepard is just more evidence in support of the old truism that fools and their money are easily parted.

Pittsburgh appears to be only mildly interested in the revelations being made by the trial of her Mayor, Charles Kline, for misfeasance in office. "What's the use?" say many residents of that governmentally benighted city. "If he is impeached the next one would be just as bad."

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of May 19, 1882.

—Dr. John Eckenroth, of Pleasant Gap, died last Thursday.
—William Cox, of the Bellefonte box factory had a couple of fingers badly cut by a circular saw on Monday.

—The Logan Hose Co., seems to be in demand. It has been invited to spend the fourth in Shamokin.

—Capt. Amos Mullen has issued orders, through 1st Serg. J. D. Geissinger, for members of Co. B., to appear, Friday morning, May 26th, in full uniform and with all accoutrements, to take the 6:25 train for Altoona where a regimental inspection will be made.

—Last Wednesday evening a gala event was celebrated at the Lyon home on east Linn street. It was the occasion of the marriage of one of the charming daughters of the Lyon household to Mr. Jonas Lichten, of Reynoldsville. The house was beautifully decorated for the ceremony, which was performed by Rabbi Wurzel, of Williamsport. The chief of the Brockhoff house prepared the wedding feast and those who partook of it say that nothing like it was ever served in Bellefonte before.

—Having received invitations to celebrate the Fourth in Tyrone, Lock Haven, Shamokin and two or three other places the Logan Hose Co., has voted to accept the invitation of Hope Hose, Lock Haven, to be the guests of the company for the celebration that will be made there.

—Shade trees have been planted in front of the Presbyterian church in this place.

At some later day the Presbyterians must have fallen for that "Let the Sunshine In" song, for there are no trees in front of it now.—(Editor's Note.)

—A large and handsome crayon picture of Dr. E. O. Kirk, formerly of this place, now crowns the top of the prescription desk in Dr. Miles Kirk's drug store. It was enlarged from a photograph by Miss Sallie Fisher, of Halfmoon. It is a very excellent piece of work.

—Salad birds flocked in on this community thick on Sunday.

—J. C. Rumberger has been appointed passenger and freight agent at Unionville, vice D. S. Rumberger resigned.

—The Hon. John Lawshe, formerly of Jersey Shore, but a resident of Osceola Mills, Clearfield county, at a later period is prominently mentioned as the man who will be the next Congressman from the Colton district in California, where he now resides.

—Quite a demonstration was made last Saturday night by the home town friends of Gen. Beaver. It was the occasion of his return as the nominee of the Republican party for Governor. Col. William Shortridge was chairman of the reception committee and Samuel Williams and John Dawson were his aides. At the court house, where the public reception was held, Austin O. Furst Esq. made the address of welcome. After the meeting Gen. Beaver was escorted to his home by a parade headed by the Pleasant Gap band.

BELLEFONTE SCHOOLS PREPARING FOR CLOSE

Today's assembly period will be the last for Seniors in the Bellefonte High school. It will be the school's formal "send-off" for the class of 1932 and brings to mind the fact that only a few weeks remain of the present session.

Except for the final examinations and putting the finishing touches on practical projects the routine of school work is practically completed. In the home economics department, the home projects have been finished. A written report was made and given to the teachers. Three of the reports were chosen and sent in to Harrisburg. The pajamas, which are one of the projects being made in school, are being completed. Some girls have their pajamas all made, and are starting on their last project, which is the making of a dress.

CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED
The results of the class elections, for class officers for next year, held last Friday under the new election system, which was explained in the last issue are as follows:

Junior Class.—President, Roy Wilkinson; secretary, Mary Hartle; treasurer, Martha Wilson; Student senate, Norman Kirk, Philip Mabius, Vivian Miles, Lawrence McClure.
Sophomore Class.—President, Paul Emerich; secretary, Melvin Foore; treasurer, Ben Grytcko; Student senate, James Peters, Jeanette Fisher, Max Alters.

Freshman Class.—President, Margaret Beaver; secretary, Nellie Jordan; treasurer, Fred Tanner; Student senate, Jane Curtin, Budd Moyer.

Athletic Council.—Calvin Purnell, James Caldwell.

See page 6 column 5 for list of students on the school's honor roll.

—Dr. H. A. Blair came over from Curwensville, Monday afternoon, and took his father, Frank P. Blair, along home with him where he will remain permanently. Mr. Blair is in his 83rd year and while his health is normally good for a man of his age his mind is not as acute as it was during the active years of his business life.

A HODGE-PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS

At the opening of the fishing season we offered a quart—(of milk)—to the man sending in the best fish story. None came in to claim the prize. Then we indulged in a little speculation by wondering if a quart of something else would bring the answer, and it did; from away down at Hartsville, S. C., and from an old Bellefonte resident at that; from none other than James A. McCafferty; and it must have been the "quart of something else" that brought the story; and while the story is not of this year's hatch it is good enough to tell, so here goes:

Editor Democratic Watchman,
My Dear Sir:

In reading a late issue of the Democratic Watchman I notice you offer a "quart" for the best fish story. When I fished in Spring creek I never took a bottle of milk with me. Here is my catfish story. When I was a boy we used to set outlines in Spring creek. Our lucky fishing hole was in the rear of the Watchman office, between the foundry and residence of Major George A. Bayard. We always strung our line across the stream at that place.

One morning we were a little late pulling in our lines. It was breaking day and eels will squirm harder to get free at that time than when it is real dark. Naturally we were in a hurry to get all our lines raised. The first one we pulled in was at our lucky fishing hole and we left it lying on the bank until we raised all our other lines.

When we returned we found the line had disappeared from where we had left it. Looking around, we found one end of it sticking out from beneath the kitchen at the Bayard home. Picking up the line we hauled it out and with it Bayard's old mother cat and five kittens. We had baited our hooks with small fish and the old cat and each one of the kittens had taken one. They were all well hooked. We left the line, cat and kittens and beat it out of there as fast as we could, and that was the last time we ever set an eel line in that place. For months after when we would see Mr. Bayard sauntering along one side of the street we always found it more healthy looking on the other side. Whether he ever found out who caught his cat and kittens we never learned; and we made no extra effort to find out.

Yours truly,
JAMES A. McCAFFERTY
Come up and get your quart, Jim.—Ed.

A Tyrone man on trial in court at Hollidaysburg, last week, on the charge of being a bootlegger, became quite indignant and protested to the court that the charge was not only malicious but untrue. "I simply couldn't be a bootlegger," he protested, "because I always drink all I can get; I never have any for sale." And the chief of police of Tyrone vouched for the truth of his statement.

To see the cars parked on the streets of Bellefonte every Saturday night does not convey an impression of hard times. A large number of them are apparently new models, too. Of course there's no telling from the polish on the outside how many of them are plastered with bills of sale.

According to the number of births which took place at the Centre County hospital during the month of April that is one line that has not been hard hit by the general depression.

And speaking of the depression, out in Johnstown families who have always occupied comfortable homes are moving, bag and baggage, into tents because they have no money to pay rent. Churches are making big cuts in the salaries of their pastors and everybody is wondering what the end will be.

And to make matters worse along comes the Department of Agriculture with a warning that bugs and destructive insects are going to be harder on the crops—both garden and farm—this year than ever before, so that it seems as if its just one d—n thing after another.

—On her way home, Saturday evening, Miss Sarah Cunningham lost her pocketbook containing \$31.00 but it was returned to her several hours later. At that she may not know how near she came to losing it for good and all. The pocketbook was dropped on the pavement in front of the Thomas cigar store on High street. Leslie Thomas, on duty at the time, just happened to walk to the door as an unknown man stooped down and picked up the pocketbook. He looked around to see if anybody had seen him pick it up and when he saw Leslie standing nearby he knew he couldn't get away with it, had he been tempted to do so. So he gave the book to Leslie to find the owner. An examination of the contents disclosed whose it was and Leslie took it up to the loser later in the evening.

—The firemen were called out, late Sunday afternoon, by a slight fire at the Boyer home, back of the Bishop street school building, but the blaze was quickly extinguished without doing much damage.

PATIENTS TREATED AT COUNTY HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stamm, of Julian, are the proud parents of an infant son, born at the hospital on Sunday, May 1.

Chester Emel, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Sunday of last week as a surgical patient.

Leonard Bryan, of Bellefonte, a surgical patient, was discharged on Sunday of last week.

After undergoing surgical treatment, John Shuey, of Lemont, returned to his home on Sunday of last week.

Miss Isabella Hill, of Bellefonte, who had undergone medical treatment, was discharged last Sunday.

Mrs. Merrill Walker and infant daughter, of Spring Mills, returned to their home last Sunday.

Mrs. Hannah Maule, of State College, was admitted on Monday of last week for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Clare Hutchinson, of State College, became a surgical patient last Monday.

Edward Watkins, of Howard, was admitted on Monday for surgical treatment and was discharged on Saturday.

Mrs. Anna Armstrong, of Lemont, was discharged last Monday after undergoing surgical treatment.

After receiving surgical treatment, Mrs. Julia Pletcher, of Pleasant Gap, was discharged last Monday.

Mrs. Margaret Shuey, of Lemont, after having been a surgical patient, was discharged last Tuesday.

Mrs. Egil T. Risan, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Tuesday of last week, after having undergone surgical treatment.

Mrs. Fred Neff and infant son, of Bellefonte, were discharged last Tuesday.

Mrs. Ella Musser, of State College, after receiving surgical treatment, was discharged last Tuesday.

Mrs. Ella Stamm, of Centre Hall, became a medical patient last Wednesday.

Miss Gladys Williams, a student nurse at the hospital, was admitted last Thursday as a surgical patient, and discharged on Saturday.

Mrs. Florence Emenhizer, of Bellefonte, who had undergone surgical treatment, was discharged last Wednesday.

Mrs. Eleanor Gheritty, of Bellefonte, was discharged last Wednesday after receiving surgical treatment.

Hazel Lingle, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lingle, of Spring Mills, died at the hospital last Wednesday.

Mrs. Effie MacIntyre and infant son, of Rebersburg, were discharged on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Carl Bitner and infant son, of State College, were discharged on Wednesday of last week.

After undergoing medical treatment, Mrs. Jeannette Searly, of Bellefonte, was discharged last Wednesday.

Mrs. Elmer Queer, and infant daughter, of State College, were discharged last Wednesday.

Mrs. Carrie White, of Linden Hall, became a medical patient on Thursday.

William Ferree, of Oak Hall Station, a surgical patient, was discharged on Thursday.

William R. P. Garety, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Garety, of Bellefonte R. D., died at the hospital on Thursday.

Edward Watkins, of Howard, a surgical patient, returned home Friday.

Elmer Auckerman, of Spring Mills, a surgical patient, returned home Friday.

Miss Louise Ryan, student nurse at the hospital, became a medical patient on Friday.

Richard Roberts, of Bellefonte R. D., became a surgical patient on Friday and was discharged on Sunday.

Mrs. Juanita Miller, of Pleasant Gap, became a surgical patient on Friday.

Miss Priscilla Wasson, of Harris township, became a surgical patient on Saturday and was discharged the following day.

Mrs. Durham Carver, of Bellefonte, became a medical patient on Saturday.

Mrs. George A. Cadwallader, of Spring township, became a surgical patient Saturday.

Ambrose Ray, of Bellefonte, is a surgical patient, having been admitted Saturday.

Miss Lillian Lucas, of Howard township, was admitted on Saturday for surgical treatment.

John Andrews, of Worth township, became a surgical patient on Saturday.

Mrs. George H. Kline, of Gregg township, was admitted on Saturday for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Raymond Love and infant daughter, of Spring township, were discharged on Saturday.

Mrs. Anna M. Love, of Bellefonte, a surgical patient, was discharged on Sunday.

Mrs. E. M. Gandy, of Spring township, was discharged Sunday.

Carl Thomas, one month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thomas, of Bellefonte, died at the hospital on Sunday.

Charles Tierney, of Spring township, became a medical patient on Sunday.

Miss Grace Baumgardner, of Pleasant Gap, is undergoing surgi-

BURGESS HARRIS WILL ENFORCE THE LAW ON DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE

In response to many complaints received by his office in recent weeks, Burgess Hardman P. Harris, serves notice on all dog owners in the borough that unless they observe State rulings in regard to the control of dogs, they will be subject to fines and other penalties provided by law.

Dogs have been causing much destruction in the borough since the garden season opened. In addition, much shrubbery has been killed by their activities. For the information of dog owners, Burgess Harris calls attention particularly to the following sections of the State dog laws.

"Section 19: It shall be the duty of every police officer to seize and detain any dog or dogs which bear a proper license tag and which are found running at large, either upon the public streets or highways of the Commonwealth, or upon the property of other than the owner of such dogs, and unaccompanied by the owner or keeper. Any police officer is empowered to go upon any premises and enter any building to seize and detain any dog or dogs which have been found running at large unaccompanied by the owner or keeper, when such officer is in immediate pursuit of any such dog or dogs.

"Section 24: It is unlawful for the owner or keeper of any female dog to permit such female dog to go beyond the premises of such owner or keeper at any time she is in heat, unless such female dog is properly in leash.

"Section 25: The owner or keeper of every dog shall at all times between the hours of sunset and sunrise of each day keep such dog either—(a) confined within an enclosure from which it cannot escape, or, (b) firmly secured by means of a collar and chain or other device so that it cannot stray beyond the premises on which it is secured; or, (c) under the reasonable control of some person or when engaged in lawful hunting accompanied by an owner or handler."

A finer lot of horses have seldom been put on the auction block in Centre county than were those offered at the Jodon sale, at Pleasant Gap, Monday afternoon. A sorrel team was bought for the penitentiary for \$480.00. Other mated teams sold down to \$260.00. The highest price paid for a single horse was \$250.00 for a handsome black gelding bought by Mrs. Aaron Kepler, of Pine Grove Mills. Aside from an animal that was sold without a guarantee the lowest price was \$125.00. An unusual incident occurred in the sale of a team of browns that were offered either as a team or bidder take his choice. They were bid up to \$260.00 and stopped, the bidder took his choice at \$130.00, then the rejected horse brought \$170.00.

At the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Society for Crippled Children, held in Harrisburg last week, Senator Harry B. Scott, of Phillipsburg, was re-elected president, and Rev. J. W. Claudy, superintendent of Rockview penitentiary, was chosen first vice president.

UNIONVILLE

The Ladies Aid society met, Monday evening, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Spotts.

Mrs. Mary Wright moved from the apartments in Mrs. Finch's house to the Pratt house, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Waite and son, of Warriorsmark, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brugger.

James McDonnell and lady friend, the Askins chicken farm, last week, where he is employed in farming and caring for the chickens.

Jams McDonnell and lady friend, and his mother, Mrs. Mary McDonnell, and sister, Miss Margaret, all of Tyrone, were visitors among friends here on Sunday.

Mother's day was observed in the M. E. church, on Sunday. Rev. Crawford gave a very interesting sermon and special music by six young men was very much enjoyed.

A silver medal contest will be given in the community house, Friday evening, May 13th, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Quite a pleasant family gathering took place, last Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hall. All their children and grand children were home except one son, Harry, of Albany, N. Y. Wilson Hall and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Houghton and son Luther, of Harrisburg, and Mrs. R. C. Williams and family and Miss Anne Finch were among the number.

Miss Laura Rumberger gave a dinner party, Wednesday evening, in honor of her nephew, Pearce Rumberger, who will be graduated from the Bellefonte High school with the class of 1932. There were twelve guests, mostly his classmates and if we are to believe what one of them said there never were so many good things on any table he ever sat at before. After the dinner the young folks were entertained with games and an amateur moving picture show.

cal treatment, having been admitted on Sunday.

There were 44 patients in the hospital at the beginning of the week.