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PLUMMER'S PUBLIC RECORD REVEALED AND RENUNCIATION OF CRIMES DEMANDED

Distinguished Republican Lawyer Calls For a Statement From the Candidate of His Party On Salient Questions.

On August 30 Henry C. Niles, Esq., a distinguished lawyer and steadfast Republican of York, Pa., addressed a letter on behalf of himself and his associates in the Lincoln Party, to Hon. J. Lee Plummer, Republican machine nominee for State Treasurer, propounding certain questions with respect to Mr. Plummer's public life and requesting categorical answers. The questions are pertinent, and as a stalwart Republican Mr. Niles had a right to the information and declarations which he sought. More than three weeks have elapsed since the letter was received by Mr. Plummer, and as "silence gives consent," his failure to reply is confession of the accuracy of the statements it contained.

Following is the full text of the letter which has not been answered:
 YORK, PA., August 30th, 1905.
 "Hon. J. Lee Plummer, Republican nominee for State Treasurer.
 "Dear Sir—Because you have been nominated by the Republican convention for the office of State Treasurer, I feel that I may not be taking undue liberty in venturing to address to you this communication on behalf of myself and some others who have requested me to attempt to give voice to their thought at this time.
 "For ourselves and on behalf of many other Republican voters who we believe are similarly interested, we desire to call your attention to some facts and current impressions, and ask an expression from you that may be useful to the voters in determining their action at the fall election.
 "There have been rumors that heretofore the State Treasury has been used for partisan and personal advantage; that the selection of banks as depositories has been dictated by the persons controlling the Republican Organization for political considerations, and sometimes for private gain.
 Record Not at All Reassuring.
 "What we have learned about your record and associations does not fully assure us that in your hands such abuses would be impossible.
 "You were a member of the Legislature of 1903.
 "We are informed that during that session you voted for all of what were known as the Machine legislation and grab bills, and as chairman of the Elections Committee were active in unseating the two Democratic members, Blumie, of Cameron, and Ferry, of Luzerne, against all evidence, and at the close of the session, in order that Republican contestants, without right, might get the salaries and perquisites of office.
 "It was said that this proceeding was so rankly partisan that it was opposed and condemned even by such stalwarts as McClain and Cooper.
 "You were a member of the last House of Representatives, and are credited with 'going along' with the Penrose-Durham Machine.
 "You ranged yourself against the indorsement of President Roosevelt's plans to relieve the people from the crying injustice of railroad discriminations and rebates.
 "You were opposed to any action for personal registration, in preparation for which the Constitution had been amended, and which was urged by the Governor and the best elements of the State.
 "You were antagonistic to the effort to introduce into our civil service the merit system of appointment and promotion, that has done so much for the purification of politics in the Federal service and in other States, and to which the Republican party of the nation is irrevocably committed.
 "You voted for the villainous Puhl bill, designed to cripple societies for the prevention of vice; for the infamous Erhardt bills, for the protection of the white slave traders, and for the Philadelphia ripper bills, the only possible purpose of which could be to rivet upon that city the chains of an organization of public plunderers.
 Oath to Obey the Constitution Forgotten.
 "You took a solemn oath to obey the Constitution of the Commonwealth.
 "The Governor called your attention to your sworn duty to reappear to the State.
 "You did nothing.
 "The same Constitution which you had sworn to 'support, obey and defend' made it your duty 'to enforce by appropriate legislation' the provisions of the seventh article.
 "Not only did you do nothing to fulfill this oath-bound obligation, but you are said to have accepted and used free passes issued by lawless corporations in deliberate defiance of the eighth section of that article.
 "If the above stated, currently reported allegations are true, you can hardly expect the vote of the citizens who are not tainted by partisan poison.
 "If you really did knowingly violate your oath as Representative, what security can you give that you will not be equally false as treasurer?
 "If you gave all of your influence as Legislator for the assistance of the 'criminal combination masquerading under the name of Republicans,' what guarantee can you give us that you will not turn over the contents of the State Treasury to their loving care?
 "We desire to be entirely just to you. If these statements are incorrect, and you have been misrepresented by rumor and newspaper reports; or if the Assembly's minutes, that we have been informed sometimes recorded you as present and voting when you were really miles away, have been fraudulently kept in regard to all of your actions by wicked persons bent on your disgrace, we will be happy to have you inform us, and we will gladly assist you in efforts to counteract the effect of so gross a libel.
 "It is possible that you did what you did involuntarily and under the influence of that spoilsman, hypnotist, that has led astray other not inherently bad men.
 "You may not have really known what was going on, but were deluded to consider yourself an irresponsible agent of an irresistible political force, and that your only function was to receive and carry out instructions from your masters in conclave at the mansion on the Harrisburg river front.
 "You may not have known, as did none of us, the full measure of the depravity and dishonest purpose of the men who had stolen the livery of the party of Lincoln and Roosevelt for the service of the great devil.
 "You are surely now informed of their baseness and of that treachery and fraud that has been recently so clearly revealed as to stifle all pretense of denial.
 "If, notwithstanding your unfortunate past, you are still in fibre an honest and patriotic man, such as only would be qualified to administer the millions of the people's money, you will now repudiate all connection and sympathy with the grafters, and do it with all the more indignant vehemence because they have so grossly deceived you to your dishonor.
 "It will, of course, be unpleasant to admit that you were so simple minded as not to discern the dishonesty and impropriety of the schemes in which you were made a tool; but it would be better for your lasting fame to go down to history as the dupe rather than as the accomplice of the public enemy, or the accessory after the fact of their admitted sordid crimes.
 "If you can take this position; if you can conscientiously affirm that you were only careless and negligent; if you can plead ignorance of the true character and wicked purposes of those you have heretofore served, your fellow citizens, while pitying your former imbecility, will admire your manly frankness and may consider the excuse.
 Not Too Late For Repentance.
 "If you will forever renounce all further relations with Durham, forsake Penrose and all his works, read the Constitution of your Commonwealth and pledge yourself to give the remnant of your days to fulfillment of your often-taken and as often-disregarded oath for its support; if you will do all this as publicly and immediately as you have sinned openly and incessantly there will be joy from Dixie's line to the New York border as over one sinner that repenteth.
 "You may be able to give some other defense; if so we will gladly consider it.
 "If you succeed in convincing your fellow citizens either that the material allegations in regard to your record herein referred to are untrue, or that there is some valid excuse for them; or, that you are entitled to be absolved on the ground of ignorance, and, with contrition for your past, you now sincerely intend to take your stand on the side of the people in the fight with the spoilsman, they may conclude to confide to you the treasury of the State.
 "If you will favor me with a speedy answer, I shall, with your permission, give it as much publicity as this letter may receive.
 "Trusting that under the circumstances this letter will not be considered an unwarrantable intrusion, and with respect, which I hope will be greatly increased by the temper and matter of your reply, I remain sincerely yours.
 "HENRY C. NILES."

Cards have been received here announcing the marriage of Renee, daughter of Mrs. Stuart Mitchell, to Mr. Thomas M. Righter, on Wednesday, September 28th. at Carlisle, Pa.

Dr. W. H. Purman died at Milheim, Pa., last evening, after an illness of several months. The body was brought here at 2.36 this afternoon, and was met at the station by the Elks lodge of this town, and escorted to his former residence on Third Street. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

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The next attraction at the Opera House will be "The Sign of the Four," a dramatization of Conan Doyle's celebrated story, of which the great detective Sherlock Holmes is the central figure. This story is one of the most thrilling and interesting in which Holmes figures, and the play will be presented by a capable company headed by the celebrated actor, Campbell Stratton, as the detective. Bloomsburg Opera House, Monday, October 2nd.

The management of the Bloomsburg and Millville Electric Railroad have purchased the Beagle mill property, three miles out from town, and work will be started for preparing for a summer pleasure park. Along little fishing creek will be built a dam, and a pond or lake constructed half-a-mile in length furnishing a place for boating etc. in summer, and skating in winter. It is expected to be put in shape for the public by next summer.

Theta Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle of town, accompanied by the Bloomsburg Band went to Danville Monday evening to pay a visit to Mountour Castle. They paraded up and down Main street one hundred and twenty-five strong headed by the band and took the Danville car at Market Square for Danville where there was another parade, and afterwards repaired to the Eagle Hall where speeches were made after which a luncheon was served at the Armory.

Boy Wanted.

A boy sixteen years old with fair common school education is wanted at this office to learn the printing trade. Full particulars as to work and pay will be given on application. tf

In presenting the character of Sherlock Holmes in "The Sign of the Four," we get the real love story of the great detective. In this particular story of the Sherlock Holmes series, we see the famous man in a new phase of character, fighting for the woman he loves. The dramatist has made a most interesting play from the book, adding many new characters and situations that makes the story one of absorbing interest. Not only in the story of love and adventure, thrilling situations, and unusual climaxes, but there has been added some very bright comedy. Mr. Campbell Stratton the star of the production is supported in a very strong cast including Miss Gay Rhea at Grand Opera House Monday eve. Oct. 2.

Your glasses may be partly right, and proportionately helpful; but if they are not entirely right you are not getting all of the benefit you should. ONLY medical eye specialists can determine exactly what lenses are needed. Henry W. Champlin, M. D., OCUList.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

Mrs. Wm. Elwell and daughter, Mrs. N. U. Funk, are visiting E. W. Elwell at Towanda.

The work on the paving of Centre street below Main was begun by the contractor Monday.

Geo. E. Elwell and son Edward left Saturday for Hartford, Conn., where Edward will enter Trinity College.

The supper advertised by St. Margaret's Guild of the Episcopal church for Oct. 7, has been postponed.

The new bowling alley back of E. F. Row's barber shop was opened last week, and has been well patronized.

Miss Winifred Beckley has gone to Summit, N. J., where she will attend the Kent Place school for young ladies.

J. H. Coleman and wife after a pleasant summer at their cottage near Forks, have returned to their home in town.

Friday October 6th, 1905, is the last day to pay taxes in order to get a vote this Fall. Attend to this before it is too late.

Vanity Fair, March and Two-step by Chas. P. Elwell, on sale at all music stores. Second edition. 25 cents. tf

Dr. G. H. Hemingway has been at Williamsport this week, presiding as moderator over the session of the Northumberland Presbytery.

Sol Smith of Kalamazoo, Mich., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones on Third street. It has been fourteen years since his last visit to Bloomsburg.

Wm. Terwilliger accompanied by his wife is at Philadelphia this week attending the convention of street car men of the United States, Canada and Mexico.

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Chas. W. Shaffer and wife arrived here Tuesday and will spend the winter at this place. "Jugger" has been managing and playing first base during the past season for the Savannah, Ga. base ball team of the South Atlantic league.

Arrangements are being made by the councils of the Lutheran and Reformed churches to remove the dead from the old burying ground at the corner of Center and First streets. The property will be, after grading, a fine location for building.

"Rudolph and Adolph" a highly enjoyable musical farce, was presented at the Opera House last night to a large and well pleased audience. The piece is a laugh almost from start to finish, interspersed with some very good singing and dancing specialties.

Mrs. John W. Neyhard died at the Genesee Hospital in Philadelphia, where she had undergone an operation for cancer. Her death occurred at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. She was aged 47 years, and is survived by a husband, son and two daughters. Funeral takes place this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Rosemont.

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