



WORDS FROM YERKES AND CORAY.

Judge Yerkes, when accepting the nomination for the Supreme Court said: The office for which you have named me is non-political, and I would belie my record of eighteen years upon the bench and would betray and insult my supporters if, in the event of an election, I could degrade myself by cherishing a partisan or political purpose in the execution of any duty of my office, or if I should stoop so low as to allow myself or my office to be used to the prejudice of or to the favor of any party, class, interest, enemy or friend. As a judicial officer I never have considered any man's position, class, trade or occupation, circumstances, friendships or enmities, and, God willing, I never will. My only pledge is that, if elected, I will devote all my strength and ability to a faithful discharge of the duties of my office. I will obey and uphold the constitution. I will endeavor to interpret the law justly, relying upon its sound principles, following established rules and giving due weight to reasonable precedents.

Judge Yerkes' trial of eighteen years on the bench has given assurance that these declarations mark the heart and mind of the man.

Mr. Coray, as was proper in a candidate for state office, discusses with force and vigor the evils heaped on Pennsylvania by machine rule. "Regarding the office of state treasurer," he says, "I would suggest that it should cease to be regarded as a 'plum tree.' It should cease to be a receptacle for padded pay rolls or bonds of indemnity. It should not honor vouchers for contingent expenses, unless specifically itemized. It should pay no officers except those elected or appointed in pursuance of law. It should not withhold appropriations for public schools or charitable institutions in the interest of favorite banks. Its transactions, its assets and its accounts should be so open that any citizen of the Commonwealth desiring to do so may be able to make himself familiar with them."

In other words, under treasury management by Mr. Coray the "lid will be lifted" and the books open. That is what we have wanted for years in Pennsylvania, even if it does send some people, members of the treasury ring, to the State's prison.

THE NOVEMBER ELECTION.

Elections will be held next month in Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia. With one exception—Virginia—all of these States were carried by the Republicans in the presidential election of 1900. Unless all signs fail, Virginia will, as usual, return a Democratic majority. Iowa, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Ohio may be counted in the Republican column, although in Ohio the Democrats have some hope of carrying through their splendid candidate for governor, Colonel Kilbourne, who will get a large proportion of the labor vote. The Ohio canvass this year, however has been an unusually quiet affair for that State, always lively in its politics. In Nebraska the Democrats and Populists are supporting a fusion ticket, and may carry the State, although the Republicans are confident of winning. The greatest interest attaches to the fight in Pennsylvania, where the Democrats and independent Republicans have made common cause against the Republican State machine. It is to determine the question whether Pennsylvania is a permanent fixture at the bottom of the list of American States in the matter of honest and decent politics and administration. There is no State election in New York this year, but the contest between Tammany on one side and the Republicans and certain reform and revenge elements on the other for the control of the government of Greater New York has attracted general attention. The politicians are in doubt now as to the result of this election. Shepard and Low are engaged in a vigorous canvass, making two or three speeches a day. Both are men of exceptional ability, and it is rare that in a municipal canvass there has been such an amount of first-class political oratory. Tammany is meeting determined opposition, but it is believed will win. The betting at first showed odds in favor of Low, but it has changed and is now decidedly in favor of Shepard. The identification of Boss Platt and the Republican machine with the reform movement has undoubtedly made the canvass turn on party lines, and that of course means a Democratic victory.

ENGLISH TIRING OF WAR.

The growing discontent in England over the Boer war is an encouraging sign. It took seven or eight years to convince the English that the war of George III. and Lord North on the colonies was a great blunder, but conviction came at last. A cable dispatch to the New York "Herald" of Sunday says of the change going on in the English opinion of the Boer war that "sentiments which a year ago would have been denounced as pro-Boer are now openly advocated in the strongest jingo papers." This shows the growing discontent over the prolonged war. Martial law in Cape Colony, cutting off London from all news save such as trickles through official sources intensifies the general irritation. With more than two hundred thousand troops to be maintained in South Africa, while new borrowings and still higher taxes loom up in the near future, it is not surprising that there is discontent. It will take more decided shape in time, as it did in the case of the American colonies. The conviction of a Boer commandant of treason and his execution with that of others give an idea of the sanguinary character the war has assumed, and will stir up the Boers of Cape Colony and Natal to more vigorous efforts to aid General Botha. Practically the whole rural population of South Africa is Boer. The British are mostly confined to the seaports and the mines. All the population of Dutch descent are united in dislike of the British, and they are not likely to be cured of this dislike by martial law and executions for treason and disloyalty.

The American people are glad to see that President Roosevelt, like President McKinley and Cleveland, does not favor tearing down, altering or enlarging the White House, but believes that the historic mansion, rich with the associations and traditions of a century, should be kept as it is. Noting the suggestion that the White House is too small for his family, which is the largest that has ever occupied it, the President states that he is well content with it as an official and personal residence, and that neither he nor Mrs. Roosevelt desires any alterations or additions. We hope the noble mansion—true in its ideas of republican simplicity—will stand as it does to-day for hundreds of years. It should be revered by Americans as Windsor Castle is by the English.

Both Governor Stone and Justice Potter treat the reported leakage in the supreme court by the latter very gingerly. Judge Potter declines to say anything on the subject, while Governor Stone in his careful denial, while rejecting the "Press" report of the telephone correspondence as a whole, does not deny that he received early information from Judge Potter as to how the supreme court stood on the ripper bill. This information the governor used in the Legislature, and there is little doubt that Recorder Brown had the same knowledge and from the same sources of information. The recorder can see no harm in it, and declares the court has always been leaky; that the Potter offense "has been done hundreds of times before," and that the supreme court "has communicated with me in almost a similar manner." It is so—if such a great public offense is common—is it not about time the supreme court was reconstructed? One way to help do that is to elect Mr. Yerkes and return Mr. Potter to his partnership with Governor Stone.

Good Year Glove Rubbers at Yeager & Davis, Bellefonte.

Do not fail to see our line of ladies' \$2 shoes—Yeager & Davis, Bellefonte.

HOW THE BEAR WAS KILLED.

Cyrus Shreckengost Metch for Bruin Killed in a Corn Field.

The large black bear that passed through the front yard of the premises of F. E. Arney in Centre Hall last Thursday morning, and punched holes through the fence that surrounds the same instead of climbing over it, met his doom in the corn field of Michael Decker, east of Centre Hall.

Old bruin had his good sport, however, during the last hour of his life. After being chased by Dairyman J. W. Smith and Barber F. P. Geary for a quarter of a mile the shaggy old fellow said something that sounded like what the boys say when they put their thumb to their nose and wiggle their hand, and then disappeared forever—to them.

At about half past nine o'clock in the morning bruin set to work at husking corn in Michael Decker's corn field. The bear no doubt had read in the Reporter that Mr. Decker had the largest kind of corn, and that is the kind of corn bears like. Accordingly the bear headed for the Decker corn lot, and plucked an ear here and there to his entire satisfaction. In this field was Frank Decker working alone—so he thought—but upon straightening up his back to rest his muscles, he spied an assistant but eight steps distant. It was bruin standing fully six feet high, looking out over the corn. Decker thought it best to hunt other quarters, and accordingly let the bear stand in the corn field while he hustled himself to where George Gingerich and Edward Riter were husking corn in an adjoining field. Decker described his companion as a crooked-legged, black son of a gun, and Gingerich and Riter concluded it was a bear, and their judgment was right. A gun! O, for a gun! Riter scoured the neighborhood for a gun, and finally found gus and gunners at Cyrus Shreckengost's. With three guns in the hands of Cyrus and the senior Shreckengost and Riter the bear was pursued. They found him in Decker's corn field where George Gingerich, Frank Decker, Milton Snyder and Charles Durst were watching his maneuver. The younger Shreckengost approached his game within fifty feet, drew a bead on him, fired once, twice—dead bear.

At the mean time Mrs. Frank Decker and Miss Lizette Decker hurried to the scene of action, the latter carried a hoe with her to show bruin down with in case he should fight.

The carcass of bruin was taken to George Gingerich's, dressed and divided into seven parts. It is estimated that the carcass weighed fully two hundred pounds.

A Sweet Hotel.

As a good deal has recently appeared in print regarding the consumption of sugar in this country, the various sources from which it is obtained, the amount of duty paid thereon, etc., the following facts are given:

The total consumption of sugar in the United States last year was 2,219,847 tons, and based on the average increase of 3.34 per cent. during the past 19 years, the consumption this year should be 2,360,585 tons. Of this quantity 1,000,000 tons in round figures will come from American sources, say Louisiana being able to produce 350,000 and Porto Rico 150,000 all being free of duty, leaving 1,360,585 tons to come from other sources and on which duty is paid. The average duty assessed is \$36 per ton, or a total of \$48,981,060. The price of all the sugar consumed, however, being enhanced to the extent of the duty of \$36 per ton or a total of \$84,001,060, it is evident that \$36,000,000 additional is paid by the people in order to provide the Government with 49 millions for revenue, of which the Government is not now in need. If the duty is taken off Cuba sugar, the benefit of 85 millions goes to the people.

Johnstown is now suffering from an epidemic of typhoid fever, due, it is believed, to the low water supply. There are 34 cases in the hospital alone.

Andrew Koontz, a well-known farmer, was gathering hickory nuts, on Clear Ridge, in Bedford county; he fell from a tree and sustained injuries which resulted in his death a few hours later. The deceased was aged about 45 years.

The body of Charles F. Dietz, a young physician of Lock Haven, who was employed by a William-port physician, was found in Lycoming creek, near Cogan station. It is presumed the young man was knocked off a freight train into the creek and drowned.

The hard rain Sunday morning a week loosened the stone abutment at the west end of the trolley bridge, and washed away the earth underneath the track at that point to such an extent that the cars have not run across since. Passengers are obliged to walk from the bridge to Reedsville.

MR. STROHM SILENT.

A Few of Many Expressions Favorable to His Candidacy Made Public.

Although solicitations from many sources have been brought to bear upon Mr. J. B. Strohm to become a candidate for the office of superintendent of public schools of Centre county, he is silent on the subject, but possibly only to await further expressions of desire from both school directors and laymen.

Mr. Strohm is at present employed as one of the teachers of the Centre Hall schools. The school board of the borough recognizing the fitness of Mr. Strohm for a higher position in educational affairs, at a recent meeting signed a memorial asking him to become a candidate for the office of county superintendent, at the same time pledging him their undivided support at the convention in May next.

Of the numerous communications received bearing directly and indirectly on the candidacy of Mr. Strohm, the following will show the trend of sentiment:

COLLEGE TWP., PA.

EDITOR REPORTER—I am informed that Mr. J. B. Strohm is a candidate for the office of county superintendent of public schools. Let me say that I favor a new man for the position.

Yours, —, Director.

POTTER TWP., PA., Oct. 21.

MY DEAR SIR—Three terms of office and a fraction are quite sufficient for one man. There ought to be a new man at the helm of the public schools of this county.

Yours, —, Director.

—, Oct. 21, 1901.

TO THE REPORTER—If Mr. Strohm decides to become a candidate for county superintendent, he may expect the full support of the board of this district. Truly yours, —, Director.

PENN TWP., Oct. 19, 1901.

MY DEAR SIR—My attention was called to an article in your paper of recent issue which alleges that Superintendent Gramley claims enough votes to re-elect him on first ballot at the convention of directors to be held in May. What a bluff! * * * Was the gentleman misquoted. * * *

Yours, —

The frequency of the above inquiry probably demands an answer, and the writer answers by saying that the "gentleman was not misquoted."

While the Reporter is open to communications from all quarters on all subjects, no personal matters will be published from friend or foe. Correspondents will please keep this in mind.

The Reporter first announced the candidacy of Mr. Gramley, Mr. Gregg and Mr. Harrison for the office of county superintendent, and it hopes first to announce the name of Mr. Strohm as a candidate for the same position. Will you, Mr. Strohm, be a candidate?

McCormick-Hewes.

The marriage of Hon. John T. McCormick and Miss Frances Katherine Hewes, both of Bellefonte, took place at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage, Tuesday evening. Mr. McCormick is well known in Centre county, having been a member of the legislature and superintendent of the Commercial telephone company. The bride is a sister of attorney C. P. Hewes.

Arbor Day.

Tomorrow, Friday, is Arbor Day. Who will do a kindness for the generations too young to plant trees? Who will plant a fruit tree, a shade tree, a nut tree, or a tree to grow saw logs?

Don't refrain from planting a fruit tree because you cannot pick fruit from it tomorrow, for perhaps you have lived many years without your brain or muscle producing anything of special value.

Don't refrain from planting a shade tree because you think you may never be able to sit under the shade of it. Generations to come may pronounce the planting of that very tree a continued blessing. Under the shade of it birds may sing, lovers may woo, and many a tired body rest.

Don't refrain from planting a nut tree because it is slow to bear fruit. There will be generations born after you are dead, and you are responsible for the condition in which you leave this world. You can add much for the comfort of others who are sure to come after you. Will you do it by planting just one tree?

Merchant C. P. Long.

SPRING MILLS PA., Oct. 22, '01. Mr. Smith—Please reserve space for me in next week's Reporter. I am in the city this week, buying my fall line of general merchandise. Very truly yours, C. P. Long.

LOCAL ITEMS.

The weather during the past week was most delightful.

The Presbyterian Synod of Pennsylvania will meet next year in Allegheny.

George Urlick, of Millheim, had his insurance increased from \$17.00 to \$24.00.

Wild geese passed over Brush Valley by the hundreds on Friday and Saturday.

It is reported that Jacob Lee, near Linden Hill, lost a number of hogs from disease.

Read Krenmer & Son's advertisement in this issue. Advertisements are always placed for some particular purpose. Look this particular one over.

Mrs. Mary Olenkirk, widow of John Odenkirk for years proprietor of the Old Fort hotel, was granted a pension of \$8.00 per month, and \$107.00 back pay.

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Stanton, of Ocean City, after visiting with friends and relatives in and about Centre Hall for a month, returned home Saturday last week.

Dr. Wm. G. Eisenhardt, who was located at Madisonburg since last March, pulled up stakes and left for his native city, Philadelphia, Tuesday, where he will practice his profession.

Ex-Commissioner John Wolf, of Reedsville, was one of the callers Tuesday at the Reporter office. Mr. Wolf thinks Brush Valley has not had a corn crop to match the present one in twenty-five years.

There will be no services in the Presbyterian church at this place next Sabbath, owing to the absence of the pastor, Dr. Schuyler, who is in Oriskany, Huntingdon county, assisting Rev. Finney in holding services.

The criticism by the Southern press of President Roosevelt may be unjust, but it is more than likely a fact that the entertaining of the Southern educator at the White House was rather for political purposes than to honor a colored man.

W. W. Dellett, of Cherry Run, West Va., formerly a resident of this place, who is managing a large stock farm at the former place for a Pittsburgh gentleman, kindly remembered the Reporter this week with a "pay to the order of, etc."

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Catherman, of Hartleton, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Slack in this place. Mrs. Catherman is a sister of Mr. Slack. The Cathermans are engaged in farming in Union county, and are very comfortably situated.

Miss Zilla McGeehan, daughter of Dr. McGeehan, formerly located in this place, was recently married to C. T. Lee, at Wesley, Venango county, the present home of the McGeehan family. The doctor expects to leave Wesley shortly and locate elsewhere.

There seems to be a general exodus of Woodward citizens to points between Reedsville and Lewistown. The axe factory, steel works, etc., are the magnets, and the owners find employes from the country districts better workers and more contented than those coming from the large iron centers. Those who moved from Woodward recently are Edward Kotner and Elwood and Samuel Orndorf.

County Commissioner Phillip Meyer and wife; Frank McFarlane, William Mothersbaugh, George Fortney, William Woods, John Gingerich, Dr. L. E. Kidder, J. M. Wieland, W. A. Baumgardner, of Boalsburg, Jacob Meyer, of Linden Hill, Adam Ripka, of Centre Hill, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Luse, Mrs. W. H. Meyer and Mrs. F. O. Barfoot, of Centre Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bitner and Mrs. Charles A. Krape, of Spring Mills, were among others who went to the Pan-American recently.

A good percentage of farmers are taking advantage of the law giving them the right to prevent hunting on their premises by posting notices. The law referred to was passed to protect land-owners against the hog-hunters who were destructive to property when passing over hunting grounds. The innocent must now suffer for the hog-hunter's misdeeds. In some cases farmers compel hunters to pay the stipulated fine, half of which goes to his own pocket.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Crawford met with an accident Tuesday that terminated very fortunately. They were driving to Tusseyville and going down the Fort hill the horse they were driving became frightened and in plunging about thrust his fore feet into one of the rear wheels of a buggy in which were seated John Miller and a little son of the Crawfords. The wheel was broken into fragments, and in the excitement Mrs. Crawford jumped from the buggy. After the excitement it was discovered that no one was hurt.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Station Agent Frank Bradford killed ten grey squirrels the first day of the hunting season.

Miss Grace Boob was the guest of Miss Grace Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crawford, of Bellefonte, over Sunday.

D. A. Boezer, liveryman and harness manufacturer, Tuesday took his daughter Edith to Philadelphia where she will attend school.

D. C. Keller shipped a car of sheep Friday morning of last week, and Monday morning Samuel Slack sent to the east a car of shawls and fat hogs.

The Seven Mountains near Potters Mills were covered with snow Friday morning of last week. The covering was thin, but the peaks looked white.

Two supervisors in Indiana county have been sued because they failed to comply with the law requiring loose stone to be removed from the public highway.

Mrs. Joseph Gilliland died at her home at Lock Haven last week, of cancer of the stomach. Her age was sixty-four years. Interment took place at Snow Shoe Monday.

John Foreman, of Potters Mills, was kind enough to bring a fine, large pumpkin to the Reporter office, just to show what could be raised in the pumpkin line across that way.

Wm. A. Odenkirk, of this place, has charge of Pine Station, near Williamsport. He will remain there for two weeks or more during the absence of the regular agent, Newton Bitner, formerly of this place.

The apple evaporating company has been operating their plant at Centre Hall all fall. At the same time they have been shipping apples to market in various parts of the state. Those who had any quantity of this kind of fruit found it very ready sale.

No one who does not have the information aside from his judgment would place the age of Samuel Slack, of near Colyer, at seventy years. Yet Monday a week he reached that point in life, and has the nerve and appearance of one twenty years his junior.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Decker returned to their Altoona home Saturday last week. Mrs. Decker, who had been ill at the home of her father, Samuel Erdle, near Spring Mills, recovered sufficiently to make the journey.

Miss Blanche Duck Saturday morning of last week returned to her home near Spring Mills. Miss Duck is employed in New York as stenographer and type writer for a large produce firm. She will remain at home for about a month.

Lyman Smith, carpenter and nursery agent, prides himself on having a number of fine specimens of the Duchesse d'Angouleme pear grown on a tree planted but one year ago last spring. One of the pears weighs one pound and is twelve inches in circumference.

James Conley, of Freeport, Illinois, is visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Conley, of near Centre Hall. Mr. Conley went west eleven years ago, locating at the point where he is at present. He is now engaged in farming and stock buying, and is in good health physically and financially.

Mrs. James Odenkirk last week arrived in Centre Hall and will remain here for the next six months. Mr. Odenkirk has been here for two months or more, and finds his old home quite good enough after having lived in many parts of the west, including almost a quarter of a century's residence in New Mexico.

A number of property owners have filed up in front of their properties, from the walk line to the street, making a decided improvement in appearance, besides preventing water from standing there during wet weather. There are other properties which need the same improvement, and no doubt will receive attention before winter sets in.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Royer, of Altoona, attended the funeral of the latter's sister, Mrs. Bible, of Potters Mills, last Saturday. Mr. Royer had been to Philadelphia during the week, acting as purchasing agent for the cooperative association of the railroad employes of Altoona, who are endeavoring to shield themselves against overcharging by the grocery men of that place. There is a bad feeling between many of the Altoona merchants and railroad employes, growing out of the methods employed by the former of collecting old accounts by attaching the pay-envelope or check of the Pennsylvania railroad employes.