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## SURFACE FACTS IN POLITICS.

**The Only Solution is to Route Both Republican Factions.**

It is apparent that a considerable portion of the Republican or majority party in Pennsylvania, comprising the best intelligence of the party, its most thoughtful membership and those most devoted to the welfare of the State and its people, are generally in a state of discontent, promising open revolt against the continued domination in the State affairs of the Republican machine or organization, divided at this time into factions of more or less power. The feeling is strong not alone among Democrats and independents, but among party men of the straightest sect, that there is only one remedy, and that is the lesson of a stinging rebuke at the polls that will discipline the party and put it on safe ground. It prevades all parts of the State. It is more demonstrative in the cities and great centers of population, but it is fully as earnest and aggressive in the rural counties and among the farming population. All confidence of remedial measures by what is called reform within the party has disappeared, and the unmistakable demand is for a thorough house-cleaning by the defeat of the party, and the renovation, so far as it is possible, of the legislative and executive departments of the State government and the great municipalities. In the war of factions it is seen that the defeat of one faction and the overthrow of one particular boss will work no permanent change or reform in conditions, for the successful faction or boss will continue business at the old stand and in the same corrupting and demoralizing way. That is the experience of the past for the last quarter of a century in State politics. What is to be gained by substituting Elkin and Stone for Quay, or by continuing Quay, with a fresh installment of pledges, "false as dicers' oaths"?

The temper of the people of Pennsylvania at this supreme crisis in the history of the State is not to be palliated or cured by a mere change in the ruling factions. They originate in the corruption and decadence of the party. One is as bad as the other. The animating principle is the same, the absorption of power and patronage. There will be a continuance of the same legislative corruption and degradation—the executive branch will hold the same low level of recent years, and the judiciary, tainted and demoralized, will fail to regain the confidence of the people. It is an appreciation of these facts by the people of all parties in Pennsylvania that is the fountain of the deepest feeling and purpose that the public safety demands such discipline of the party in power as can be met only by its thorough defeat and home rule and decent administration restored in this great State. It is not concerned in National issues. They are not the essential and vital questions in Pennsylvania to-day. It is the home question that is paramount. On its righteous solution depends the future progress, the prosperity and good name of the State, by its redemption from the blasting degradation which has made the very name of Commonwealth a byword and reproach in every State of the American Union. That is the work before the people. The wrangling, quarrels and intrigues of self-seeking and corrupt factions only make the lesson and duty more manifest and unmistakable. There is but one way, and that is the defeat of the Republican machine, root and branch.

## AGNES FELDING DROWNED.

**Fate of the Little Girl Who Was Enlightened by the Clintondale Fire.**

The little six-year-old daughter of Clement Felding was found in the creek near Clintondale the afternoon following the disastrous fire at that place. A searching party discovered the arm of the little one projecting from the water, and hastily drew her from her temporary watery grave. The interment took place Saturday afternoon.

At the time the Reporter went to press last Thursday the fate of the child was not known, but just what actually did happen was anticipated. The little one was a niece of John Kline, near this place, and also a relative of the Feldings at Linden Hall.

## Broke His Arm While Wrestling.

A sad accident occurred on the farm of Emanuel Wirth, near Loganton, the other Sunday, in which Henry Miller was injured painfully. He and William Rhine were wrestling in the barn yard. In the second round young Rhine fell heavily upon the Miller boy breaking his right arm at the elbow. He suffered intensely until Dr. Wykoff arrived and reduced the fracture.

Our Bilt Well shoes for \$2.50 are hand-made, Yeager & Davis.

## TUESDAY'S CONVENTION.

**There will be No Election to the Fourth Term.**

The triennial election for school superintendents will take place on the first Tuesday in May, being the time fixed by law for the meeting of school directors for that purpose. These elections are a matter of great importance in the several counties. The usefulness of the school system depends in a considerable degree upon the character and efficiency of the superintendent. This is practically true in the country districts, where there is usually less knowledge of school requirements and where less direct attention to school work is given by directors than is the case in centers of population. There are exceptions, of course, but there are no conditions anywhere in the State that do not make it desirable that the election of county superintendents should be considered as among the most important duties imposed upon the district directors. In the discharge of such a duty there should be no other consideration than the interest of the common schools. In some counties political and factional tests are beginning to creep in, but this should be crushed out. It means positive and permanent injury to the public school system.

After a careful study of the situation in Centre county, and summing up information from every part of the county, it is plainly indicated that a new man will fill the office of superintendent of schools. Who that person will be is not so definitely settled, but there is no disputing the fact that Mr. Gramley will not be re-elected to a fourth term.

## PATTISON POPULAR WITH FARMERS.

**The Press Thinks Pattison the Most Popular Man in Interior of State.**

There is no doubt that among the Democrats throughout the interior of the State the sentiment is in favor of ex-Governor Pattison for Governor says the Philadelphia Press. This is particularly strong among the farmers. It was the vote in the farming districts that elected Pattison over Delamater, the centers of population not being so favorable to his cause. In all the variations of politics it is evident that this strong approval of Pattison by the farmers is pretty well maintained, and that by the free choice of these districts the ex-Governor would again be nominated. Colonel Guiley, the party leader, has been hearing a great deal on this subject from all over the State, while Democratic County Committees and conventions have been quite generally endorsing Pattison, the most of them, instructing their delegates for him. The solid delegation from Philadelphia would be against him unless there is an arrangement of some sort, which does not now appear at all likely, and the Allegheny delegation pledged in advance to George W. Guthrie. Philadelphia and Allegheny delegations do not, however, play so large a part in Democratic as in Republican conventions, not having the same proportion of representation to the whole number of delegates. The present situation indicates very plainly that it will be very difficult for any one but Mr. Pattison himself to prevent his nomination.

The farmers of Centre county would undoubtedly favor ex-Governor Pattison if the matter were left to them.

## Clinton County Delegates.

The Republican primary election, held in Clinton county Saturday evening, resulted in the election of H. S. Satterlee, of Lock Haven, and N. P. Johnson, of Renovo, as delegates to the State convention.

Elias Deemer, for Congress, had no opposition. A. E. Patton, of Curwensville, was endorsed for State Senator. The convention on Tuesday placed in nomination the following ticket: Congress, Elias Deemer, of Williamsport; State Senator, A. E. Patton, Curwensville; Assembly, O. S. Kelsey, Flemington; Prothonotary, J. B. Lester, Lock Haven; Sheriff, Torrence Shearer, Lock Haven; County Treasurer, John B. Thompson, Salona; Commissioners, H. C. Stoner, and William Gummo; Auditors, W. D. Kintzing and G. H. Hickoff.

## Permanent Certificate.

Prof. Eiters, H. W. Morrison and Miss Rowen, appointees of State Superintendent Shaeffer to examine candidates for permanent certificates, had before them Friday and Saturday of last week J. Nevin Meyer, Miss Alice K. Dorworth, Miss May Taylor and Miss Ward, and John H. Harrison and H. M. Markle. The last two hold permanent certificates under the old law, but the new law embraces two new branches, namely, algebra and civil government, in the common school curriculum, and it was in these branches that they stood for examination.

## CALL FOR CONVENTION.

**Primary Election, May 31—County Convention June 3—Appointment of Delegates.**

The Democratic voters of Centre county will meet at the regular places for holding the general elections, in their respective election districts, on Saturday, May 31, 1902, to elect delegates to the county convention.

Under the rules of the party the election will be opened at 3 P. M. and close at 7 P. M. The delegates chosen at the above stated time will meet in the court house, in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, June the 3rd, 1902, at 12 o'clock, noon, to nominate one candidate for register of wills and clerk of the Orphan's court, two candidates for Legislature, one candidate for Senate, one candidate for recorder, one candidate for sheriff, two candidates for county commissioner, one candidate for county treasurer, two candidates for county auditor, four delegates to the next Democratic state convention, three congressional congresses; to elect a chairman of the county committee, to serve from January 1st, 1903 to January 1st, 1904, and to transact such other business as may appear before the convention in the interests of the party.

The number of delegates to which each election district is entitled as approved and ratified by the county committee is as follows:

BOROUGHES.	
Bellefonte, N. W.	2
" " S. W.	4
" " N. W.	1
Centre Hall	1
Howard	1
Millsburg	1
Milheim	1
Phillipsburg, 1 W.	1
" " 2 W.	2
South Phillipsburg	1
State College	1
Unionville	1
TOWNSHIPS.	
Benner, North	1
" " South	1
Boags, North	1
" " West	1
Burdside	1
College West	1
Curtin	1
Ferguson, East	2
" " West	1
Gregg, North	1
" " East	2
" " West	2
Haines, East	2
" " West	3
Total	56

## FIRE NEAR LINDEN HALL.

**Tenement House on Lot Kimpport Farm Burned.**

The tenement house on the Lot Kimpport farm, near Linden Hall, was totally destroyed by fire at noon Sunday. The house was occupied by Wm. Colyer, Sr., whose family consists of himself, wife and a daughter.

When the fire was first discovered, it was an innocent little blaze on the roof and could easily have been quenched by some nimble climber, but Mr. and Mrs. Colyer are aged people, and the flame that threatened all their possessions was out of their reach. Newton Yarnell, who lives on the D. J. Meyer farm, heard the cry of fire, and with his hirelings went to the rescue. The former went up stairs and pushed out of the window all the furniture, etc., and to do this he risked his life, because he continued at the work until the roof began falling.

The stable nearby was also rescued from the flames through the efforts of Mr. Yarnell, who climbed the roof when every one else said it was useless, and by dashing water carried to him by others the flames were subdued.

There was no insurance on any of the property. The Colyer family moved into the house with Mr. Yarnell.

Mr. Kimpport has had three fires: one at the Branch, one at Boalsburg, and the one here mentioned.

## Boalsburg.

Miss Nanette Leech, of Baileyville, spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Jacobs.

John Bathgate and sister visited at Dr. Kidder's on Sunday.

Wm. Goheen and Thomas Riley spent several days last week at Spruce Creek fishing; they report having caught seventy fish.

Miss Friedella Stuart spent Sunday with her friend Janet McFarlane.

Miss Mame Woods, of Pine Grove Mills, and Miss Ella Musser, of Bellefonte, spent Saturday with their friend Margaretta Goheen.

Rev. Isaac Heckman, several years ago pastor of the M. E. church at this place, but now stationed at Tyrone, Wednesday was the guest of W. H. Bartholomew. Rev. Heckman had driven from Millinburg, and from here went to see his son Edgar, who is stationed at State College, and from there will drive to his home in Tyrone.

Rev. Baldwin was appointed presiding elder of the Methodist Junata district.

Mrs. Theodore Boal and little son a little more than a week ago sailed for France. The Boals have a country home near Boalsburg, but spend most of the time in Denver, Colorado.

## STATE TO BUILD BRIDGE.

**The Wrecked Spring Mills Bridge to be Built at State's Expense.**

During the recent flood, the latter part of February, the county bridge located at Spring Mills, was swept from its abutments.

Under the act of 1895 the Commonwealth is required to rebuild county bridges that have been destroyed by flood or fire, located over streams that were made public highways by Act of Assembly. The Spring Mills bridge was built over Sinking Creek by the county in 1873, which creek was declared a public highway in 1826.

Upon the presentation of a petition to the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin county, by the County Commissioners of Centre county, the following viewers were appointed for the purpose of viewing the bridge site and make recommendation: H. B. Herring, Penn Hall; S. A. Bell, Bellefonte; J. Jerre Snyder, Allentown; J. B. Wick-erhams, Steelton; John H. Alrichs, Harrisburg.

On Friday of last week, the Centre county Commissioners met with the aforesaid viewers at Spring Mills, where it was determined by the viewers to recommend that a bridge 73 feet long and 16 feet wide, be placed over Sinking Creek, at the point where the old bridge stood.

The repairs and cost of the new bridge as estimated by the viewers will be about \$1400 for the bridge and \$300 for masonry.

There is little doubt but that this bridge will be built by the State, and the recommendation of the viewers is emphatic that the work should be completed with speed.

The County Commissioners and their attorneys, Messrs. Orvis, Bower & Orvis, are always alert to cases of interest to the tax-payers of the county, and by prompt and proper proceedings in the case cited, the county will be saved an expenditure of about \$1,700.

## Testing the Compulsory School Law.

The Easton man who went to jail rather than compel his child to go to school may think that he is a martyr and that he is doing a public service, but he is mistaken. He feels that it is an invasion of his personal rights to compel his child to go to school against his own wishes. He claims to be the sole judge of the case and holds that the law has no right to interfere with his natural rights and responsibilities.

All this looks very well until it is examined. It is quite true that it is the intention of nature to make parents the guardians of their young, but society is dependent upon certain conditions being achieved and has formed rules of government that must be obeyed or else all reverts to chaos. Society has as much right to say that children shall not be brought up in ignorance as it has to say that thief shall be sent to jail. Society does not allow a man to put up buildings that are a menace to the life or property of himself or others, does not permit him to do many things that seemingly are within his natural right.

Compulsory education is enforced, not to make the rising generation cultured, but to provide it with the means of self support, so that no one shall become a charge on the community. Back of this is the right of society to demand the best of individuals at all times, and it is as proper to see every one educated as it is to compel men to rise to the support of the community in time of danger.

The Easton man has only emphasized once more the necessity for the execution of the compulsory education law—one important that no one need have the slightest fear of his power to overturn it.

## Potters Mills.

The surprise party given in honor of Mrs. Wm. McKinney last Monday evening was a grand success, about fifty-four persons being present. She received many useful presents; all report having had a fine time, and there was plenty of ice cream and cake left.

Luther Smith and son Roseman, of Johnstown, after spending several days with his mother, brother and sister, returned home Monday, taking with him his nephew, Lloyd Smith, who will be missed by many, as he is a jolly, good natured boy.

John Blauser, while working in the mountain last week had his hand badly lacerated with a cant hook, but is getting along nicely.

Mrs. H. S. Alexander and Miss May Smith, of Spring Mills, attended services at Tusseyville Sunday.

John Royer moved to Hecla last week.

Wm. Smith and wife, John Smith and daughter May, all of Spring Mills, visited friends at this place.

Boys, get your nickles and dimes ready, Saturday evening the ice cream parlor will open above Emanuel Smith's store.

## DEATHS.

**MRS. JAMES A. MCCLINTIC.**

Mrs. James A. McClintic died at her home near Farmers Mills Monday morning at three o'clock, from lung trouble. Her age was sixty-one years, three months and twenty-eight days. Interment took place Wednesday afternoon, in the Union cemetery, Rev. G. W. Kershner and Dr. W. H. Schuyler, officiating.

The deceased had been a partial invalid for ten years, during which time at intervals she suffered greatly. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Grove, being a daughter of James Grove, deceased, of near Farmers Mills.

But one child was born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. McClintic, who died in her infancy. Besides her husband, the deceased leaves the following brothers: Jacob A. Grove, Larned, Kansas; Thomas Grove, Centre Hall; James P. Grove, Farmers Mills. Mrs. W. Reaick, deceased, was a sister, and Jeremiah, who died twenty years ago at Siglerville, was a brother of the subject of this sketch.

Mrs. McClintic was a consistent member of the Reformed church.

## JOSIAH TAYLOR.

Josiah Taylor died at the home of his son William, at Colyer, Sunday afternoon at one o'clock, at the age of seventy-one years. The funeral took place Tuesday forenoon, Rev. Kershner officiating.

The deceased for many years lived in the vicinity of Colyer, and followed buckstering, and performed days' labor. Thursday previous to his death he was shearing sheep for Newton Yarnell, near Linden Hall, and while engaged in that work was stricken with paralysis. He was found in the barn in a helpless condition, but was tenderly cared for by Mrs. Yarnell and later removed to the home of his son.

The deceased leaves two children, John and William, both of whom live at Colyer. One daughter, Alice, and his wife, preceded him in death.

## MRS. J. C. KANAVAL.

Mrs. Harriet Kanavel, beloved wife of J. C. Kanavel, died near Mt. Union, Friday. Death was due to dropsy. She was in the forty-sixth year of her age and is survived by a husband and two daughters. She had been a great sufferer for many weeks.

## PAUL SMELTZER, INFANT SON OF KLINE A. AND SALLIE MILLER.

Paul Smeltzer, infant son of Kline A. and Sallie Miller, died at Madisonburg, Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, from lung affection, aged three months and sixteen days. Interment took place Tuesday in the Reformed cemetery at Rebersburg, Rev. Wetzel, officiating.

## LOCALS.

James Sandoe, who recently returned to his post of duty at Pittsburg, has been ill.

Miss Lizzie Bible, of Centre Hill, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Moore, at this place.

A regular meeting of Progress Grange will be held Saturday afternoon in Grange Arcadia.

George Meyer, of Coburn, father of Merchant W. H. Meyer of this place, spent several days in Centre Hall last week.

Bruce Mitchel, who came to his home at Lemont from Pittsburg threatened with typhoid fever, has fully recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. King are comfortably quartered in the McCauley property on Main street, which was re-roofed, repainted and generally repaired within the past month.

There is no truth in the report of the marriage of Frank Fisher, of Boalsburg, who at present is located at Norrisstown, but indications point to a ceremony to take place in which Fisher will be interested.

A large number of shade trees were planted in Centre Hall during the past month. The town is often spoken of by strangers in a very complimentary way on account of the abundance of shade trees, but there is room for more.

Communion services will be held next Sunday in the Reformed church at Centre Hall in the forenoon and at Tusseyville in the afternoon. Preparatory services will be held at Tusseyville in the afternoon and Centre Hall in the evening, Saturday previous.

A flock of wild geese passed over Centre Hall about eight o'clock Tuesday evening. From the peculiar calls of the geese, those who are acquainted with goose parlance declare the web-foot were lost. There was either a flock of a thousand or else the geese hovered over the town, being attracted by the light, for they were distinctly heard for half an hour.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

**HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.**

There is much favorable comment on the fact that the Howard Creamery Corporation will rebuild its plant at Centre Hall.

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Rearick Monday drove to Snyder county to visit the former's father who has been ill for some time.

Ex-Commissioner John Wolf, of Rebersburg, who had been ill for some time, was able to take a drive into the country Tuesday.

The corner stone of the new Fifth Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church was laid at Altoona Sunday. The edifice will cost \$50,000.

Christopher Ellenberger, of Julian, has been placed on the pension rolls at \$24 a month and Isaac Armstrong, of Lemont, at \$10 a month.

Wm. Boal has been suffering considerably from muscular rheumatism for the past two weeks. His condition is considerable better at present.

Tuesday and Tuesday night there were refreshing showers of rain, which did much for growing vegetation, and will aid the sprouting of seeds and bulbs planted.

The Reporter's report of the Clintondale fire was practically correct, even in detail. It tallies with the reports given by the Lock Haven papers, whose reporters were on the ground.

The present surroundings of the residence of W. B. Mingle, Esq., indicate that much of Mr. Mingle's time before and after banking hours is devoted to beautifying the same. His efforts are always rewarded by lovely flowers, shrubbery, etc.

T. M. Gramley and James Van Valzah, of Spring Mills, were callers Monday afternoon. Mr. Gramley and Mrs. Hiram Durst have been appointed administrators of the estate of the late Hiram Durst, and advertise letters of administration, as well as the sale of the personal property to take place Saturday May 10.

Mrs. Catharine Boezer, who had been at Oscola for the last six months with her son John Bozer, returned to her home in this place, Thursday of last week. Mrs. Boezer had been in poor health, in fact, very ill at times, during her stay in Clearfield county, and was obliged to take her bed immediately upon arriving here.

Dr. J. Finley Bell, of Englewood N. J., a suburb of New York city, paid his father, W. W. Bell of Bellefonte, a visit of a few days. Dr. Bell is a graduate of State College, and when quite a young man came to Centre Hall quite frequently. He met with marked success in his profession, and has New York proper in view as a place to permanently locate.

Much of the oats and barley have been sown, and a large portion of corn ground is turned. The high winds of last week relieved the top soil of moisture, and those who ploughed the soil too wet are suffering delay in preparation of the same and have the experience of having a very unsatisfactory seed bed. The sod has become comparatively dry and the beginning of this week was termed "tough plowing."

Dr. W. H. Schuyler Sunday will officially declare vacant the Presbyterian pulpit at Jacksonsville, where Rev. John I. Scott was pastor prior to his going to Frankfort Springs, Beaver county. Dr. Schuyler will preach for Rev. H. I. Crow in the Reformed church at Hubbersburg on Saturday afternoon. He and Mrs. Schuyler will spend the night with Rev. and Mrs. Crow, who once were pupils of their at New Bloomfield.

James A. Keller, of near this place, has returned from a month's trip to Virginia, North and South Carolina. His impressions have been favorable and unfavorable. The people he admires—they are clever, hospitable, kind; their methods of farming are entirely antiquated, and suggest the farmer to be dilatory, sloven. Mr. Keller has been asked to give his impressions of the South through the Reporter, and it is likely that he will do so.

John H. Glasgow, of Philadelphia, who was formerly of Potter township, and who has gone through many of the chairs in Philadelphia politics, compliments the Reporter on the boost it continually gives Centre Hall and surrounding country, and expresses a hope that the people in turn will show an appreciation of the Reporter's efforts, by giving it their support. Mr. Glasgow has just returned from a trip to Florida to gain strength lost by a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism, which lasted from January to March.