



**THE GAZETTE'S STORY PUNCTURED.**

John and Bill Discuss the Printing of the Ballots.

John: Bill, how about the Gazette's story relative to the printing of the ballots for 1902? Is there any truth in the statement? The article apparently is crooked.

Bill: The article apparently is crooked and the article is crooked.

John: You know the truth in the matter; tell it.

Bill: The Gazette's article is a series of misstatements with a one-half truth in it and a whole truth.

John: As bad as that?

Bill: That is doing the Gazette justice in the matter. The half truth in the matter is that the Reporter offered to do the work of printing the ballots for \$150.00, and the only whole truth in the article is the statement that the Gazette did do the work for \$150.00 at some loss.

John: I notice the Gazette said it did the work at "some loss."

Bill: A judge, in remanding a criminal called him a scoundrel. The prisoner replied, "Sir, I am not as big a scoundrel as your honor"—here the culprit stopped, but finally added—"takes me to be." "Put your words closer together," said the judge. This little anecdote serves to illustrate the case at hand. If you connect the Gazette's own language you will see that it did the work at a loss.

John: You mean to say that the Gazette took the printing of the ballots at \$150.00 knowing that that figure represented less than the actual cost of the work, but did so in order that Democratic offices would not get the work.

Bill: Exactly.

John: Is the Gazette in the habit of doing work for the county at less than cost?

Bill: No indeed; the Gazette took this particular work at less than its actual cost for the sole object of making political capital of it, and then it was unable to put up a story without falsely representing facts.

John: How about the Centre Reporter agreeing to furnish the ballots for \$150.00?

Bill: John, call up the Centre Reporter office by telephone, and ask for yourself.

John: Hello! Central.

Central: Hello!

John: Call the Centre Reporter office.

Reporter: Hello!

John: Did you promise to print the ballots for 1902 for \$150.00?

Reporter: No!

John: Sure?

Reporter: Absolutely! The commissioners asked a bid for a ballot considerably smaller than the one required, and for that size ballot, and not the one used, a bid of \$150.00 was made.

John: What made the difference in the size of ballot?

Reporter: The commissioners contended that amendments to the constitution would be placed in a column parallel to that of the party columns, but when the specimen ballot arrived the amendments were placed underneath the party columns and materially enlarged the ballot.

John: You mean that when the form of the ballot was changed, materially enlarged, your contract with Johnson & Co., at Harrisburg, for ballots at a stipulated price would not hold.

Reporter: Correct. But the Gazette only guessed in the matter of Johnson & Co. That house was not consulted about ballots or anything else. This statement is made to show that the Gazette is willing to misrepresent anything and anybody.

John: Did the commissioners offer you the printing of the ballots before you discovered that the form of the ballot would need to be enlarged.

Reporter: No, sir. My bid was withdrawn immediately upon notification that the size of ballot specified by the commissioners was too small. This notification was made without my house quoting me a price on a ballot of sufficient size.

John: This left you in the dark, did it, in reference to quoting the commissioners a new figure?

Reporter: It did. The only thing to go by was the rate charged by others. The same commissioners previously paid for a ballot a trifle smaller \$240.00, and there was no reason why I could not furnish the same work at the same figure, and the proposition was made.

John: Then the truth is, you never agreed to print the size ballot used last fall for \$150.00?

**QUAY CALLED DOWN.**

President and Attorney General Prohibit His Plundering Federal Office Holders

Quay's disregard for the law has subjected him to a "call down" by the president and attorney general of the United States. Quay had made an attempt to force Federal office holders in this state to contribute to the Pennsylvania campaign fund, by sending them circular letters, asking for money. President Roosevelt's attention was called to the matter, who requested of Attorney General Knox an opinion. The latter official did so, and after giving a review of the manner in which Quay sent out the circulars, says that the law positively prohibits such practice.

President Roosevelt then sent a warning to all office holders, to the effect that officials must not be any way concerned in schemes to obtain money from employes of the government.

**Ballot Sheet Will Have Ten Columns.**

Pennsylvania will have a ten column ballot one of the largest ever known in the state, at the November election. Nine of the ten columns will be occupied by nominations and one will be left blank for insertion of names. The columns are headed Republican, Democratic, Prohibitionist, Socialist Labor, Socialist, Citizen, Anti-Machine, Ballot Reform, Union and the blank column. According to an opinion of Secretary of Commonwealth Greist the ballots need not be numbered.

**Resigned His Pastorate.**

On Sunday morning, October 12th, Rev. R. B. Wolf announced his resignation to his congregation at Eureka, Kansas, to take effect November 1st. The resignation fell like a shock upon his congregation to whom he has always been very dear, and was very reluctantly accepted.

Mr. Wolf will go to Kansas City, Kansas, where he will organize a new church, which already has bright prospects for great success. He has been repeatedly urged by the people of Kansas City and by the leaders in the church to undertake this step and has finally decided that it is best that he should do so.

Mr. Wolf has been pastor at that place for over eight years and is the oldest pastor in point of service in Eureka. His labors at that place have been successful and he occupies a prominent place in the affections of his people.

Rev. Wolf is a native of this town, and a graduate of Gettysburg college and seminary. He went to Kansas to accept his first charge eight years ago.

**New Bishops.**

At a session of the United Evangelical Conference held in Williamsport H. B. Hartzler and W. F. Hill were elected bishops to succeed Bishops Dubs and Stanford.

Bishop Hartzler was born in York county in March, 1840. He received much of his education in the common schools, entering the ministry in 1866. Since 1875 much of his time has been devoted to editorial work. During eight years he has edited the Evangelical. He has been a Bible instructor in Moody's schools at Mt. Hermon and Northfield.

Bishop Hill was born May 1, 1857, at Berlinville, Northampton county. He attended common schools and the Millersville Normal School and taught six terms, entering the ministry in 1879. He was once a presiding elder, resigning after five years of service. When he became pastor of the First Church of Reading the congregation worshipped in a hall. In four years a church costing \$57,000 was erected. He was then transferred to Trinity Church, Allentown, where he has been for four years, during which time he has been secretary of the General Missionary Society.

Bishops R. Dubs and W. M. Stanford, the Rev. W. E. Detwiler, J. G. Mohr, M. D. Templin and M. I. Cuff were elected officers of the Church Extension Society, and Bishop Dubs as treasurer. Following are the members of the Keystone League Christian Endeavor board of managers: W. H. Hendel, U. F. Swengle, J. Q. A. Curry, S. G. Domer, W. H. Foulke, T. M. Evans, H. Burchardt, F. M. Young and Daniel A. Poling.

The Pennsylvania railroad company will make extensive repairs on the Lock Haven dam.

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acknowledged that he did the printing of the ballots at a loss. If he had not said that his article might have had some force. If he would have said that \$150.00 left him a neat profit he would only have added one more lie.

Bill: The Gazette did not even say that \$240.00 was too much for the work, did it?

John: No. The Gazette don't like to lie about its own business, but it was only a matter of chance that it did not.

**PAYNE'S WARNING.**

Lays the Law Down to Postmasters—The Head of the Government Sets a Bad Example.

Postmaster General Payne addressed a circular to all employes of the post-office department, including postmasters. The circular, in part, is as follows:

"As to political activity, a sharp line is drawn between those in the classified and those in the unclassified service. Postmasters or others holding unclassified positions are merely prohibited from using their offices to control political movements, from neglecting their duties, or from causing public scandal by political activity.

"A person in the classified service has an entire right to vote as he pleases, and to express privately his opinions on all political subjects, but he should take no active part in political management or in political campaigns."

There is no doubt the average postmasters need this warning. The postmasters, as a class are entirely too actively engaged in political affairs, if not to the neglect of their duty to the disgust of the citizens in general.

The thousands of postmasters through the country are little alarmed over such an edict from their chief so long as the head of the national government continues periodically "swinging around the circle" with the chief aim of infusing Republican doctrine. If it is becoming a postmaster, and it truly is, to attend to his business, it would surely be creditable to the chief executive of a great nation to quit the position as chief blatherskite of the Republican party.

**A Hard Worker for His District.**

During both sessions of the legislature Senator Heinle was a member of the Committee on Education, and at all times heartily supported every measure introduced for the advancement of education or the betterment of educational facilities. One Act in which he was especially concerned was the Senate bill providing for the establishment of township high schools. The passage of the Township High School bill, which was effected mainly through Senator Heinle's efforts, is the first step toward higher education in the country districts, although this Act is not compulsory, but it can be put in operation to suit the convenience of the school district.

Equal with his support of the Township High School bill Senator Heinle was just as earnest in his work for every honest measure. After years of futile effort on the part of the people of Centre county to secure an appropriation for a soldier's monument and Curtin memorial, Senator Heinle, at the last session of the legislature, succeeded in having a bill passed appropriating \$10,000 for such a monument. It was also through Senator Heinle's untiring efforts, in conjunction with the representatives in the three counties, that the appropriations for hospitals and charitable institutions in this District were largely increased.

His efforts were of such a pronounced character, his ability so marked, that during the last session of the legislature he stood shoulder to shoulder with the leaders of the Senate. He acknowledged no man as boss; he bowed not to the dictates of any clique or machine, but with "Honesty" and "Patriotism" as his watchwords, he most faithfully served and represented the people who elected him and the State at large.

**LOCALS.**

Anna Mowery, daughter of George Mowery, is engaged with the Smith printing company, Reedsville.

The following dispatch was sent out from York: Potatoes have risen in price from 25 to 50 cents a bushel, and 80 cents is predicted as a figure for December.

Ex-Governor Hastings is doing extensive repairing and building on the old Valentine farm below Pleasant Gap—the farm for years was designated as the one with the "black barn."

Mrs. C. H. Meyer, Wednesday morning went to Millersburg to prepare for moving to Reedsville in the near future, her husband having secured a position in the office of the Burnham steel works near by.

Thomas Kerstetter, son of Joel Kerstetter, who had been seriously ill at Corning, New York, with rheumatism for several weeks, returned home Friday. He is able to be around by the use of a crutch, but it will be some time before he will be strong enough to resume work.

George Gentzel, of Spring Mills, was a caller Tuesday. Mr. Gentzel announces in the Reporter and by poster his intention of having sale Wednesday, November 12, at 10 a. m. He has a fine stock of cattle, mostly thoroughbred Holsteins, and they are in fine condition. His implements are also in good condition, many of them being new. Mr. Gentzel purchased the "lower" brick house, at Spring Mills, recently built by C. P. Long, and in the spring will become its occupant.

**A STRANGER'S IMPRESSIONS.**

An Altoona Gentleman Passes Favorable Judgment on Centre Hall.

W. A. McCormick, an Elder of Tyronne who attended Presbytery in this place, in a recent issue of the Altoona Tribune, says:

"The Presbytery of Huntingdon, one of the best in the synod of Pennsylvania, met at Centre Hall, Pa. We found it one of the prettiest, neatest little towns in the state. Good, substantial, modern and home-like residences, wide and well-kept streets, a good water plant, plenty of good, wholesome water, and the streets well lighted at night and as good and hospitable folks as one can find anywhere. The Presbyterian church in which the presbytery met, is a small but very pretty one, everything about it neat, the parsonage ditto. The Reformed, Lutheran and Methodist Episcopal churches are all modern and good. Centre Hall is in Penn's Valley, one of the prettiest in the state, and as productive as pretty. I never saw as many apples as I did in this valley. The orchards are all loaded to breaking down. At one place I saw at least a dozen wagons loaded with them, waiting to be loaded into cars. There is here an evaporator that is doing simply an immense business in the evaporating line, surrounded with immense piles of apples. A creamery nearby is doing good work, while a planing mill is doing all it can do. Taking it all in all Centre Hall is a right busy little place. The most of the people are retired farmers and all well-to-do."

**LOCALS.**

Reformed church at Boalsburg will be rededicated Sunday, Nov. 2.

The Susquehanna foot ball team will play at State College Saturday.

An adjourned meeting of the joint council of the Centre Hall Lutheran charge was held Saturday.

Mrs. Maine Miller and little son Andrew were the guests of Mrs. Joseph Edmiston, at State College.

Don't fail to hear Miss Charlotte Hawes, in the Presbyterian church, Centre Hall, on Sunday evening.

J. W. Mitterling, of Tusseyville, was a caller Monday. He is always on the lookout for stock but finds enough time occasionally to call on the printer.

R. M. Magee, ex-Superintendent of public schools in this county, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Emerick over Sunday. Mr. Magee is working life insurance in Philadelphia.

Mrs. H. J. Boon and little daughter Alice, of Hartford, Conn., this (Thursday) morning returned to their home, after having visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Brisbin, in this place, for several months.

When cleaning up your yard haul the leaves, dead grass, etc., to your stable and spread it on the compost heap. Don't try to burn it, because the half-burned leaves will find their way to your neighbor's lot and he will be obliged to remove it.

The installation of Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder as pastor of the Lutheran charge of Aaronsburg will take place in Millheim the first Sunday morning in November. The charge will be delivered by Dr. H. C. Holloway, of Bellefonte, and Rev. J. M. Rearick, of this place.

Altoona has eight cases of small pox and the board of health of that city has called upon the residents to get vaccinated and to clean up all filth in order to prevent an epidemic. The suggestion is one which will apply to all communities and should be acted upon without delay.

Miss Emilie Alexander Sunday morning sang a solo in the Reformed church that elicited many complimentary remarks. She has a beautiful voice and has perfect control of it. Miss Alexander is devoting her time to teaching vocal and instrumental music in Tyronne, where her efforts are much appreciated.

Mrs. Joel Kerstetter and her daughter, Mrs. Milford Luse, attended the funeral of Merrill Cooney, a relative, which took place at Jersey Shore on Monday. The young man was a brakeman on the Northern Central and while attempting to adjust a broken coupler was almost instantly killed by the cars striking together. The accident occurred near Corning, New York.

John and Bill talk over the Gazette's ballot story. They give an absolutely correct version of the affair. There is not a sentence in the colloquy that is not exactly truthful and no pretension is made to word the matter to deceive. In the Gazette's article there are a dozen downright falsehoods, and a score of lies implied. The only truth in the whole matter is the statement that the Gazette delivered the ballots "with some loss."

Mrs. Sarah Irvin Potter.

Mrs. Sarah Irvin Potter died at the home of her son, George L. Potter, in Bellefonte, Friday evening of last week. The burial took place Monday afternoon in the Union cemetery.

Mrs. Potter is the last of a distinguished family, all of her brothers and sisters having died before her. She was a native of Centre county, having been born August 19, 1820, on a farm about one mile west of Centre Hall. Her father, John Irvin, was in his day and generation one of the largest land owners in Penns Valley. Her mother's maiden name was Ann Watson. Her early life was spent at the home of her birth. In February, 1844, she was married to Wilson W. Potter and resided for several years at Centre Furnace. In 1864 they removed to Bellefonte. Her husband died in July, 1884, since which time her home has been with her son, George L. Potter, on Linn street. Mrs. Potter was a woman of remarkable energy, and had passed her eighty-second birthday.

Considering her age, she had been in very good health. During the first week in this month she had the misfortune to fall while descending a stairway. While apparently not seriously injured, the shock proved too much for her, resulting, as stated above, in her death.

**DEATHS.**

**C. P. STONERODE.**

C. P. Stonerode, a prominent citizen of Milesburg, died Sunday. The interment was made in the cemetery at Bellefonte Tuesday morning, and was under the direction of Gregg Post, of which he was a member.

**WINFIELD SCOTT TATE.**

Winfield Scott Tate, a well known citizen of Pleasant Gap, died at his home in that place Friday of last week of cancer of the liver. He was aged fifty-seven years and was a veteran of the civil war having served in the 148th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He is survived by a wife and ten children.

**SAMUEL WOLF.**

Samuel Wolf died Monday at his humble home near Sober station, from the effects of old age, he having reached the age of seventy-eight years, nine months and nineteen days. He had been ill for almost a year. Interment took place in Heckman's cemetery, Wednesday morning.

Deceased leaves a widow and one daughter, Sarah E., wife of Allison Frank, at Reedsville.

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**SAMUEL STRONG.**

Samuel Strong, of Potters Mills, died at the home of his son, J. R. Strong, Friday of last week, after an illness extending over a period of ten months. The funeral took place Sunday, Rev. W. T. Haven officiating, interment being made at Sprucetown. The deceased was a sufferer from paralysis, and his life hung in the balance for weeks. His age was sixty-nine years, seven months.

Mr. Strong was a veteran of the civil war, being a private under Captain William A. Nelson, Thirty-sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was enrolled June 29, 1863, and served until honorably discharged.

The deceased, on February 7, 1854, was married to Mary Reed, and for some years lived at Sigerville, Mifflin county, but about twenty-four years ago he became a resident of Potters Mills.

He was a stone mason by trade, and the father of nine children—Sarah E., Margaret E. and Albert S., having died in infancy. The surviving children are J. R. Strong, Rebecca J., wife of W. H. Working, and Susanna C., wife of W. H. Fultz, Potters Mills; W. F. Strong, Colyer; Mary M., wife of Oscar Walters, Milroy; Emma F., wife of William Walters, Centre Hill.

The death of Samuel Strong leaves Mrs. Mary M. Stump, widow of Wm. Stump, deceased, the only survivor of the Strong family.

**LOCALS.**

The Central Pennsylvania fairs are all over. Fair weather is the program now.

Read the advertisement of C. P. Long, of Spring Mills. He is having a special sale. Read his adv., and call at his store.

Rev. James W. Boal, of Port Carbon, stopped in Centre Hall on his way home from Presbyterian Synod which was in session at Pittsburgh this week.

The farmers will find a friend in J. H. Wetzel, who during the term he served in the legislature voted in the interests of the farmer on every oleo bill that came before the house. Mr. Wetzel's record is clear on that subject, and why should he not be supported by every farmer without regard to party?

**TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.**

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

'Coon, 'coon, 'coon, I wish you would come back.

A half truth is the worst kind of a lie—the Gazette's ballot story.

Mrs. Oscar Lonberger and Mrs. Fred Heisley, of near Pleasant Gap, were callers Saturday.

A great many out of town people were in Centre Hall Saturday afternoon and evening.

Mann's axe works at Mill Hall recently received an order from England for five hundred dozen axes of second quality.

Messrs. Foreman & Smith purchased the grain house they have been operating under a lease obtained from G. W. Ocker, of Lewisburg.

The wheat fields look beautiful. October has been a very favorable month for growing grain, notwithstanding the Pennsylvania frosts.

G. W. Fletcher, railroad agent on the C. R. R. at Lamar, has given up his position there to accept a place in the art department of the Williamsport Grit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Houser, of Grand Island, Nebraska, are mourning the death of their twelve-year-old daughter Lucy. The Housers were formerly from this county.

James Scholl, of Farmers Mills, and Miss Anna Weaver, of near this place, Saturday drove to Lewistown, where the former has a daughter living in the person of Mrs. W. R. Homan.

Two Centre county horses won money at the Lewistown fair. One horse, "George E. Eaton," is owned by Mr. Spigelmeyer, Bellefonte, and the other, "Sally Derby," is the property of Irvin Gray. Both were in the 2:18 class.

The efforts of Attorneys Reeder and Gray to have the pardon board act favorably in the case of Edward Irvin proved fruitless. Irvin is serving sentence for causing the death of Miss Ella McWilliams, of Pine Grove Mills.

The boundary lines of Pugh street, State College, were settled by arbitrators. The board of arbitrators selected was David Salmon, of Lock Haven; S. B. Byer, of Tyronne, and F. W. Archey, Pennsylvania Furnace.

The warehouse owned by Dr. J. E. Tibbens and George D. Hess, at Beech Creek, was destroyed by fire Thursday night. Dr. Tibbens lost forty tons of hay, a load of straw and a hay press, in all about \$400. Mr. Hess lost a car load of coal. The losses are covered by insurance.

John F. Breon, of Spring Mills, and George L. Goodhart, of near Centre Hill, changed to meet in the Reporter office Saturday. Both are ardent Democrats, and from their conversation it was not a difficult matter to learn that they expect to read gratifying Democratic news after the election.

G. W. Tressler, of Farmers Mills, is reaping the results of spraying fruit. A year ago his apple crop did not come up near to perfection, and he concluded that the proper thing to do was to spray the trees, which he did twice last spring. The result was entirely satisfactory, and the operation will be repeated hereafter.

H. A. Surface, professor of zoology at State College, makes a plea for the common hornet because it destroys insects that are harmful to mankind and plant life. Bear this in mind, hunters and all others, and do not fire loads of shot into or other wise destroy the cone-shaped nests of the useful "white-faced wasp."

James M. Ross, of near Linden Hall, is entertaining his brother-in-law, Henry Meyer, of Hiawatha, Kansas, that gentleman having come east to attend the National Encampment at Washington. Mr. Meyer enlisted in the army from Boalsburg in Company G, 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He has for many years been a resident of the west, where he is engaged in farming and reared a large family. He is the son of Samuel Meyer, deceased, of Harris township.

E. M. Huyett and family Tuesday moved to Bellefonte, where they will reside for the present. Mr. Huyett is a born lumberman, and cut out many tracts of timber on Nittany and the Seven Mountains. About a year ago he became associated with Messrs. D. Sterret and Andrew R. McNitt, and under the firm name of McNitt Bros. & Co., the gentlemen are doing a large business in the manufacture of staves and lumber, with mills in various parts of Nittany Valley, the principal one being at Mingoville (Hecla Park.) The business of the firm being principally on that side of the mountain induced Mr. Huyett to leave his home in Centre Hall, and his fine farm on the outskirts of the town. Mr. Huyett and family take with them the kindest feeling of every citizen of the borough.

a school boy chum of Arthur E. Kerlin