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THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION.

When we are told that Senator Foraker may retire from the Presidential race if the President shall definitely decide on Secretary Taft as his political heir, it is time to ask whether we are living in a republic or a monarchy. Is Rooseveltism to be stamped upon every branch of the Government during the present administration, and then, so far as the Republican party can accomplish it, be transmitted by Executive decree to the next administration?

The President is filling his Cabinet with personal favorites. He breaks through established precedents as a boy breaks through his toy drum. He is forcing his will upon both branches of Congress by all the resources at his command, one of the chief of which is patronage. He is to transfer a member of his Cabinet to the Supreme Court in an effort to secure judicial opinions in his taste, and he is reported to have decided on another member of his Cabinet as his own successor. How far does this fall short of imperialism?

But plenty of Republicans are not in politics. They have received nothing from the President and expect to receive nothing, and we believe they are still the free citizens of a Republic. We believe that they will insist on nominating their Presidential candidate. Senator Foraker may retire in favor of Secretary Taft; that is mainly a matter of Ohio politics. But it is not believed that Republicans generally have lost their political manhood and will permit Mr. Roosevelt to make their Presidential candidate.

Mr. Moody is a very respectable man and a good lawyer, but it will hardly be pretended that he is a man of great legal attainments or eminent at the bar. At thirty-seven he became a District Attorney, where his duty was the prosecution of criminals. At forty-two he was elected to Congress, and he remained there till appointed to the Cabinet four years ago. This shows how limited has been his career at the bar.

It is very generally understood that the President has selected him for the Supreme Bench with a view to getting favorable decisions on laws that he has forced and intends to force through Congress. This process is commonly stigmatized as "packing the Court." It is highly improper, and when charged in previous cases has been regarded as a grave reflection on the President. Furthermore, the Attorney General ought to be the President's adviser in the selection of Justices of the Court.

President Roosevelt told the newspaper correspondents that the Panama Canal project is the greatest enterprise in the history of the world. Cato would have said the destruction of Carthage. Caesar the crossing of the Rubicon. Columbus the discovery of a new world. Carnegie the development of the steel industry, and Rockefeller the creation of the Standard Oil monopoly. Mr. Roosevelt is wrong, as all the others would have been. The greatest enterprise in the history of the world was the creation of Eve.

LOCALS.

James E. Stuart and family have moved from New Bloomfield to Wilkinsburg.

In Clinton county all township and borough officers will be nominated under the new Primary Election law. The county commissioners have ordered new ballot boxes to be made for that purpose.

Mrs. Maggie Harper returned from the western part of the state last week. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Cox, who will remain here for the winter. Mrs. Harper did not receive the news of the burning of the large stable on her lot in Centre Hall until she was ready to return home.

Among the former residents of Centre Hall who is now visiting among friends and relatives in and about town, is Mrs. Jerry Miller, of Dubois. She is very much pleased with her new home and its people. Since moving to that thrifty Clearfield town, two of her children—John and Marion—have married, and have settled down in that place.

State Commissioner of Highways Joseph W. Hunter is taking steps to have the road supervisors in each county form an organization, the object being to get them together for the advancement of the good roads idea. It is too early to judge the results of the new road law, as there is little visible to reflect either way.

It is estimated that there are fifteen hundred deer in a game preserve of 4000 acres, all fenced with wire, along Rattle Snake run in Clinton county. Eight years ago there were 400 deer in the enclosure, and the Otzinachson Rod and Gun Club has made it a rule to kill nothing but buck, which accounts for the rapidity of the increase.

NOVEMBER COURT.

Commonwealth Cases Heard, and Verdicts by the Jury.

Commonwealth vs. Robert Watkins, indicted for larceny, prosecutor Daniel Shuey. This case is from Spring township and is for the taking of six turkeys. Verdict of not guilty.

Commonwealth vs. John Dulen, Sr., Michael Delaney, Sr., and Joseph Delaney, indicted for malicious mischief, prosecutor D. Z. Frain; indictment quashed.

Commonwealth vs. John Dulen, Sr., Annie Dulen, John Dulen, Jr., Daniel Delaney, Joseph Delaney and Michael Delaney, indicted for malicious mischief; indictment quashed.

Commonwealth vs. Britton Mougdon, indicted for malicious mischief, prosecutrix Eliza Walker. Defendant plead guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Alva Fetters, indicted for assault and battery, prosecutrix Eliza Walker. Defendant plead guilty.

Commonwealth vs. same, indicted for malicious mischief, prosecutrix Eliza Walker. This case is from Bellefonte and the Commonwealth's allegations are that the defendant stooped the house of the prosecutrix, breaking six window-lights. The offense in this charge occurring on the same night that the offenses charged in the two previous indictments upon which the defendants plead guilty. The defendant alleges in this case that he did not stoop the house, but one of his own witnesses admitted that the defendant had thrown one stone. Verdict of guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Willis W. Stephens, charged with assault and battery, prosecutor Jared D. Sowers. Bill ignored and the prosecutor to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Joseph Ross, Boy Reed and George Reed, indicted for malicious mischief, prosecutor G. W. Cathcart. Joseph Ross and Boy Reed plead guilty; George Reed did not appear in court.

Commonwealth vs. Newton Kline, indicted for assault and battery with attempt to commit rape, prosecutrix Annie Florey. This case is from Bellefonte, and the defendant entered the house of the prosecutrix on the 2nd of January, 1906, between the hours of 11 and 12 daytime, the Commonwealth's allegations not being for publication, all of which defendant denies. Verdict of not guilty and defendant to pay the costs.

Robert Hendershot, indicted on three counts: entering store room with attempt to commit a felony; larceny, and receiving stolen goods. Prosecutor Frank P. Blair. This is the case where Mr. Blair's jewelry store was robbed on the night of October 7, in Bellefonte, the taking of goods out of the store to the amount of \$337.50. Defendant waived the findings of the grand jury and plead guilty. Sentence was suspended.

Robert Hendershot and Harry Thompson, indicted on three counts: burglary; larceny, and receiving stolen goods. Prosecutor William Beizer, policeman. This is the case of the burglarizing of the dwelling of Emil Joseph, Bellefonte, on the night of September 14, and the taking of property to the value of about \$72.00. Defendants waived the finding of the grand jury and plead guilty. Hendershot was sentenced to the Reformatory and a fine of \$1.00 and costs imposed. Thompson was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1.00, restore the stolen goods and undergo imprisonment in the Huntington Reformatory.

Gust Neidrich, Sr., and Gust Neidrich, Jr., indicted on two counts: assault, and assault and battery; prosecutor, Abraham Hanson. This case is from Rush township, near Cassanovia. Commonwealth's allegation was that Mrs. Levers, who had been sick for a short time, was unable to be moved from a property and that it was injurious to her health. That the defendants assaulted her by taking her from the premises, placing her in a buggy and hauling her to Winburne, a distance of three miles, while the defendants' allegations are that neither of them touched the person, that they were requested by the mother of Mrs. Levers to get a buggy and haul Mrs. Levers to Winburne, that mother and sister of Mrs. Levers put her in the buggy and she was taken to the place she desired to go to. That neither of the defendants touched her or any of the other ladies of the house. Verdict of not guilty; costs divided equally between prosecutor and defendants.

Joseph Ceader vs. Lillie C. Reeder, being an appeal from the judgment of the Justice; the case is from Bellefonte and the action is brought to recover on a book account against defendant, the goods making up the account being sold upon the credit of the defendant and upon her contract. Defendant denies such contract, and that the bill should be claimed against the estate of defendant's deceased husband. Verdict for amount of claim.

Robert Cole vs. George Knecht. This is also an appeal from the judgment of a Justice of the Peace. A verdict was returned in favor of the plaintiff, Robert Cole, for the full amount of his claim—\$50. Friday morning Judge Orvis passed sentence on the following: Boyd Reed, charge malicious mischief. Sentenced to pay \$15 fine, costs of prosecution and undergo 30 days imprisonment in the county jail. Alva Fetters was sentenced to pay \$10 fine, costs of prosecution and stand committed until sentence is complied with. The charge was assault and battery. Mrs. Eliza Walker was prosecutrix. Britton Mougdon, charged with malicious mischief, was fined \$5.00, costs of prosecution and stand committed until the same was paid. Newton Kline was sentenced to pay costs of prosecution in the Florey case, and stand committed until the same was paid. The jurors and witnesses were all discharged, and court adjourned Thursday noon. The grand jury reported that the carpet in the office of the jail is much worn and recommended a new one, also that the office be repapered, and further recommended the purchase of a suitable table and whatever files and rolls that may be needed in the commissioners' room. R. S. Brouse vs. J. M. Olinger and Margery Olinger, being an appeal, and from Bellefonte, was tried; action is brought to recover on a book account, the amount being \$8.04. Verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$8.21. Other civil cases on the first week's list were disposed of as follows: Gerberich, Hale & Company vs. M. F. Betz, continued. Walter Stephens, executor of O. L. Schoonover, dec'd, vs. Andrew Somerville, being an appeal, continued at costs of defendant. Mary K. Gray vs. High Standard Garment Company, being an appeal, settled. Frank F. Irvin vs. Rosa L. Pearce, judgment confessed by defendant in favor of plaintiff in open court for \$145, with stay of execution for sixty days. Court convened Monday morning, and Joseph Ross, who had plead guilty to charge of malicious mischief, was sentenced to pay costs and balance of sentence suspended. The following cases on this week's list were disposed of: A. W. Hafer, trustee, vs. L. C. Keatrick, opened judgment, continued at costs of defendant. H. T. Hall, trustee, vs. John M. Robb, being case in replevin, settled. J. C. Haason vs. Geo. W. Gill, being an action in ejectment, continued. Grant H. Thompson, trustee in bankruptcy to Murray Lumber Company, bankrupt, vs. Samuel Gault, an action in assumpsit, continued. William Witmer vs. Edward Seilers, an action in trespass, continued at costs of plaintiff. Harry Krape vs. Howard Brick Company, an action of trespass, continued. David L. Kerr vs. Geo. W. Brown, mortgagor, defendant, with notice to Clement Dale, adm'r of Annie Brown, deceased. Verdict \$427.20. Lewisburg National Bank vs. Leas W. Duncan, administratrix of Wm. P. Duncan, dec'd, who was endorser for sandy ridge Fire Brick Co. Defendant confessed judgment in open court in favor of plaintiff for \$430.16. Lauderbach-Barter Co., vs. R. M. Foster, trustee, action in assumpsit, continued. Moile Miller vs. Insurance Co. of North America, action in assumpsit, continued. Cyrus Brungart and Wm. B. Mingle, executors of Rebecca Sparr, dec'd, and use of John Biter as an individual, vs. John Biter, executor of Margaret A. Biter, dec'd. Action scire facias sur judgment. Verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$637.45, \$569.45 being to use of executors of Rebecca Sparr, dec'd. Joseph L. Montgomery and John M. Bullock, executors of Moses Montgomery, late of Bellefonte borough, deceased, vs. Frank M. Curtin, administrator of Josephine Curtin, dec'd, and her heirs. Scire facias sur judgment. Verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$1457.36.

INCIDENTS OF 1879.

Local Items Taken from the Centre Reporter of Interest to 1906 Readers.

[Note: The spelling of proper names is the same as found in the files of the Reporter.]

MARCH 20—Charles Royer and family, of Georges Valley, left for Kansas this week.

David Ruhl, of Snow Shoe, will occupy the Potters Mills hotel after April 1st.

The smithshop of John C. Stover, in Haines township, was destroyed by fire Friday morning, at about three o'clock.

The heirs of Aaron Levy, the founder of Aaronsburg, are making search of the records in Centre and Northumberland counties to establish their claim to a large tract of land in and about Aaronsburg. Levy was a He brew and owned a large body of land in Haines township. The heirs are making a great effort to establish their right.

A. C. Mingle, for the past five years clerk in the store of William Wolf, in Centre Hall, Monday took a similar position in Bauland's new store, in Bellefonte.

Duncan & Son, Spring Mills, have secured one hundred tons of plaster which is offered for sale to the farmers. Some of the jurors drawn were: Potter, J. B. Lee, J. A. Keller, Miles, N. Korman, Joel Morris, J. C. Burke, M. J. Hall, Jas. Corman, J. P. Frank, L. Grim, Gregg, P. Shook, Penn, W. S. Smith, F. Bowersox, A. A. Frank, S. G. Gutelius, H. H. Wiser, J. Sankey, J. C. Smith, Andrew Harter, Gregg, J. A. McClintic, Wm. Heckman, H. Krumbine, W. B. Bitter, Harris, S. Bailey, Ferguson, J. B. Goheen, Haines, F. Dutwiler, R. B. Hosterman, Miles, John Wolf, Henry Corman, J. R. Burd, Potter, J. Dinges, L. W. Kimpfort, D. F. Luse, M. J. Decker, A. McCoy.

MARCH 27—The following citizens of Potter township intend going west in the spring: Wm. Leichty and family to Ohio; John Leichty and family to Indiana; David Stoner and wife, John and Alfred Hessig to Ohio; Irwin Treaster and Henry Leighty to Kansas.

Wednesday night, a little after 11 o'clock, a fire broke out in an outhouse attached to the dwelling of D. K. Geiss. The timely arrival of a dozen men extinguished the flames, although at one time there was great danger of the dwelling being consumed. The fire originated from a heated iron flue.

The following promotions were made from the primary grade to the intermediate grade in the Centre Hall schools: Amanda Krumbine, Annie Mingle, Ella Ross, Samuel F. Snyder, A. D. Gregg, Edward Wolf, Wm. H. Tobias, Lizzie Sweeney, Sadie S. Ross, Maude Neff, James I. Snyder, Wagner Geiss, George Kries. From the intermediate to the grammar grade: Elsie Geiss, Katie Bechtol, David Snyder, Harry Dinges, Sadie Grifer, Robert Wolf, John Farmer. Prof. W. A. Kries was principal, and B. H. Arney president of the school board.

APRIL 3—Evidence is being taken in Penns Valley for the Curtin-Yocum contest. John Shook, formerly of Farmers Mills, has moved to Harrisburg. Jess Dunlap, of Gregg township, has returned from Kansas, and is much displeased with the conditions found there.

APRIL 10—Philip Mersinger, of Joliet, is here on a visit; jolly and fat as ever. W. J. Guest & Co. have opened a marble yard in Centre Hall.

P. S. Meyer has taken charge of the Red Mill. George Meyer, late of Pine Creek Mills, in Haines township, has taken charge of the Linden Hall mill.

D. F. Luse, of Centre Hall, has invented a hydrant which is closed by the pressure of the water.

Married—Samuel M. Long and Miss Ella Korman, both of Spring Mills. . . . March 13, Jacob Sharer, of Zion, and Miss Elizabeth Agnes Smetzler, of Marion township. . . . March 27, Harry Bottorf, of Williamsport, and Mary Runkle, of Tusseyville. . . . March 25, B. O. Deininger, of Millheim, and Miss J. A. Wolf, of Aaronsburg.

Keith's Theatre.

A children's feature is the top-liner at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this week. This is the presentation of Master Gabriel & Co., in which appears the original "Buster Brown" in "Auntie's Visit," with George All impersonating "Spike," Buster's dog. The return of Cressy & Dayne, in Cressy's play, "Grasping an Opportunity," is hailed with delight. The Electric Crickets are a special feature. Ten Broeke, Lambert & Co., give a musical sketch, and the Carmen Sisters entertain with the banjo. Esona the Great, character impersonator; Jack Lyle, monologist; Rooney Sisters, peerless dancers, are other features of interest. The Brothers Bolter, Europe's daring cycle-balancers, are so added attraction.

Bottorf-Woodling.

Elmer J. Bottorf and Miss Maude D. Woodling were married at the Presbyterian Manse, Friday evening, November 30. Both are residents of Lewisburg, but Miss Woodling has been living for a few weeks in Centre Hall.

From Yeagertown.

Some items of interest to Reporter readers, concerning Mifflin county, are reported by a correspondent from that section:

There is some diphtheria in Yeagertown.

The people are very kind and friendly to strangers, and one is made very welcome in the church. All the Centre county people now living here like it very much.

Boarding is four and five dollars a week, and not always good at that. At the Standard Steel works the men are paid every two weeks. All the payments are made in gold, unless the change can not be made in that coin. Paper money is seldom seen over here.

The Mann axe factory is running every day and so are the Logan Iron and Steel Works. In fact, the Logan and Standard works run day and night, and are back with their orders. About four thousand people are employed at the works, and more are wanted.

There are a number of people from Centre county who are now making their homes near Burnham and are employed there. The names of some are given: John Grenoble, Harry Stover, Will Madera, Will Foltz, Jacob Bible, William Stover, Wilbur Shires, Amos Alexander, W. P. Alexander, Ralph Roberts and wife, Mrs. Mary Birkin, Charles McCool, James McCool, John Harter, James Moyer, Calvin, Stevenson, Robert and Daniel Kennelly, David Sowers; Mr. Kellsnyder, of Millheim; John Snyder, of Woodward; John Condo, Amos Dunkle, George Musser, Homer Treaster, Henry Roop, Curtis Shaffer, and two sons of Samuel Long.

The tower man at the Junction says that 140 trains pass there every twenty-four hours. At the Standard works five big carloads of coal are burnt in one power house in a week. About nine carloads of tires and wheels are shipped every day. Every two weeks \$100,000 are paid out for labor. The hydraulic press in the rolling mill has a pressure of 675 tons. Two 600 horse power engines are required to run this press, and it almost stops the engine when the press is started. There is a pump that throws 200 gallons of water a minute, and cranes that lift 75 tons. Some of the tires made here are ninety-six inches high and weigh 1800 pounds. In the boring mill are thirteen coal oil engines of 125 horse power each.

The Dale Case.

There is nothing new to tell the public about the Dale murder. Neither is there any news to withhold. The man that is looking wise and pretending he knows it all, is assuming that attitude because he knows nothing at all.

The whole Dale case remains a complete mystery, with no end hanging out to begin the unraveling.

A joke rests on a number of people who confidently pointed out an agent stopping at the Centre Hall hotel to be a detective. He was the real thing to those who did not know him.

A veteran of the civil war called at the Reporter office and argued that the county ought to have a pack of trained blood hounds to discover thieves, robbers, murderers, etc. He pointed out the great part the blood hounds played in discovering escaped prisoners and deserters from the ranks. The experiment is being tried in some counties in the state and might be extended to Centre county.

Look at Your Label.

If you have paid subscription to The Centre Reporter between October 2 and December 3, you will find a change on your label. Please examine, and report if incorrect.

If you have not paid subscription lately, take a good look at the label on your paper and decide whether you ought or ought not to advance the date one or more years. It is these dollars that pay the Reporter's bills. While your account may be as good as old wheat, it would be an awful annoyance to both of us to be obliged to trace them to a New York or Philadelphia house for one of the Reporter's unpaid bills.

All Blown Over.

The election is passed and the capitol scandal has "all blown over." Yes, as predicted by many Republicans, the capitol scandal has blown over, but it has blown over almost every contract, so that now it appears the fraud is much more than was even hinted at before the election.

If Governor-elect Stuart keeps half his promises some of the high-muckymucks will be "blown over" the penitentiary walls.

The World and Reporter—\$1.65.

One dollar and sixty-five cents will pay for the Thrice-a-Week New York World and the Centre Reporter one year.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Next comes Christmas. Snow Monday morning. Hogs are bringing fabulous prices at public sales.

Centre Hall was not represented at court by a jurymen.

If last Friday rules this month, the weather will be o. k.

Phil D. Foster is the new proprietor of the Nittany Inn at State College.

Mrs. Adam Barges, of Coburn, was recently the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Gottschall, of near Mifflinburg.

Rabbit hunters did not meet with much success during the past season. A very limited number were killed by local hunters.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Kries, of near Potters Mills, were in town Thanksgiving day, and before returning attended the Lonerger sale.

A Pine Grove Mills correspondent says J. N. Ritter, at private sale, bought the Hannah Royer farm for \$2,000, and will get possession April 1st, 1907.

Farmers are not ready for winter. There is yet much work to be done before the deep snows will be welcome. The corn is not all in the crib. Wait, winter, wait.

Mrs. Dietzel, wife of Rev. S. H. Dietzel, of Maytown, is in Centre Hall, having been called here on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Alfred Durst.

Miss Bertha Earhard, of Milroy, was the guest of Miss Laura Runkle, at the Centre Hall hotel, over Sunday. Miss Earhard is the daughter of Station Agent Earhard, at Milroy.

A party of workmen with a diamond drill are putting down test holes on the land of Christ Sharer, at Dry hollow, on Cold stream, where good veins of coal are believed to exist.

James Louder, of Pine Grove Mills, brother of D. B. Louder, of Oak Hall, was picking apples from a ladder. The ladder gave way and he fell to the ground, breaking both legs below the knee.

Pork at 8 cents, eggs at 29 cents per dozen, and butter 25 cents per pound puts the by-products of the farm far in advance in price of the main crops. Wheat is a measly price—65 cents; corn is but 40 cents for seventy pounds.

Auman's roller flour mill, in Millheim, remarks the Journal, is being equipped with a new set of water wheels. These wheels are a new style overshot and are guaranteed to run all the machinery in the mill with less water than the old turbines required.

Among the farmers who will change locations next spring is Andrew F. Rose, who will move from the farm of his father-in-law, Jerry Snavely, east of Old Fort, to the McClintic farm, at Farmers Mills, recently purchased by I. J. Zauter. The Snavely farm has not yet been fenced.

The road across the Seven Mountains is one of the roughest in this part of the county, yet several young men from "you side" travel it frequently, and think it would have to be a mighty sight worse to keep them away from the handsome young ladies in Centre Hall for more than a week at a time.

George Gilbert, a fourteen year old boy of near Reedsville, went into the mountains near by for game, and in a short time came into close contact with a bear. The lad in knee pants drew a bead and fired, hitting brain between the eyes, killing him instantly. The bear weighed one hundred and twenty-five pounds.

The National Grange takes notice of the practice of selling American goods to foreigners cheaper than they are sold at home, and it has declared itself in favor of reducing the tariff in protected articles that are sold cheaper to foreigners than to our own people. This indefensible practice is going to cost the Republicans many votes the next time the issue is squarely raised.

There was an over-supply of turkeys in the vicinity of Lewisburg at Thanksgiving time. A south side farmer had an unusual experience as a result: He hauled a number of fine turkeys across the Seven Mountains, and was obliged to bring them back, because the price had fallen several cents lower than he could have had at his own pens on the premises.

Jesse Bigelow, of Belleville, has recovered from the effects of an accidental shot fired on Jacks Mountain by Corry Reed. Six number five shot entered his arm and one his wrist, and a number struck him on the back of the head and inflicted a dangerous wound. There were thirty-two shot holes in his hat. That was a rather close call. The accident was caused by both firing at the same pheasant, Bigelow being in line with the pheasant.