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## PEOPLE'S CHOICE FOR CONGRESS.

Under the above caption the Evening Express, published in Duboise, appears the following sketch of the life of W. Harrison Walker, Esq., the Democratic Candidate for Congress: W. Harrison Walker, Esq., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Walker, and was born at Salona, Pa. August 30th, 1874. His parents were plain, sturdy and frugal Pennsylvania German farmers, and his early life and boyhood days therefore were spent on the farm, and his early education was that afforded by the country schools. Later he attended the Central State Normal School, at Lock Haven; from there he entered the Susquehanna University at Selingsgrove. Choosing the legal profession for his life's work, he next became a student in the Dickinson Law School at Carlisle, from which institution he was graduated in June, 1896. Immediately thereafter he came to Bellefonte, and in July, 1896, was admitted to the Centre County Bar, where he has practiced his profession continuously for the past twelve years, and in which time he has not only rapidly advanced to the forefront, but has succeeded in establishing a large clientele in Centre and adjoining counties. This has been done solely upon his own resources; through his untiring zeal, and close application to his professional duties and the high estimate accorded to his integrity and ability the community soon learned to appreciate his real worth. In his profession he has attained a high degree of success.

Mr. Walker is a social, genial, clever fellow—with hosts of friends wherever he is known. In our community he is identified with all the prominent fraternal, social and secret organizations, and has filled positions of trust in most of them. Politically he is of the Democratic faith, and always was an active worker in the party and a valued adviser in its councils. Every campaign he not only has liberally contributed of his means, but by personal effort and voice on the platform has done notable service for the success of its tickets and the upholding of its fundamental doctrines.

In 1903, he was accorded the nomination for Mayor of Bellefonte by his party. Although facing an adverse Republican majority, undaunted he set to work. He overcame a three hundred Republican majority and won out by three hundred and fifty-two more votes than his opponent. As mayor of Bellefonte, he gave the town a shaking up; the unruly element, the carousing disturbers of the peace—so long a menace to the community, were suppressed. The entire interests of the town were so thoroughly guarded that the administration of Mayor Walker met with universal approval in which he displayed rare executive ability.

Mr. Walker is a plain, genial, wholesome, practical young man; of kindly disposition, and being one of the common people, born and reared among them, in touch with them constantly, he would ever zealously guard their best interests if delegated to represent them in the councils of the nation.

## CANNON AND THE TRUSTS.

Some three or four Republican candidates for Congress in the West have been constrained by their constituents to pledge themselves, if elected, to vote against making Mr. Cannon Speaker for another term. But no Republican candidate in Pennsylvania or east of Pennsylvania, so far as we have heard, has uttered a word against the re-election of the Speaker. If the Republicans should have a majority in the next House Mr. Cannon would again be the caucus nominee for Speaker, and the feeble opposition to him would be quelled. In fact, he is now the silent choice of a great majority of the Republican candidates for Congress who are soliciting the votes of the people.

Farewell, then, to any hope of a substantial relief from the exorbitant taxes on necessities of living. Speaker Cannon would again make Seneca E. Payne chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means and flank him once more with such tariff reformers as John Dalzell, of Pennsylvania. What prospect then of reduction of the exorbitant duties on wool and woolsens, building materials of steel, tinplate and lumber, or release from the remorseless grasp of the tariff-bred Trusts? The talk of preventing Speaker Cannon from presiding over the next House if it contains a Republican majority is mere mockery. Through him the Trusts have a mortgage on the Republican membership, and unless prevented by the people they will foreclose it on November 3.

Mr. Walker is young and aggressive. If he is elected to congress you will hear from him on the floor of the house. He knows the needs of the people in this district, and what is more he can present them in a fitting way.

## BRIGHT OUTLOOK IN PENN.

Chairman Dimeling Predicts Large Increase in Senate and House, and six Additional Congressmen Will Win.

In an interview in Pittsburg State Chairman George M. Dimeling gave out the following: "The ratio of increase of Bryan sentiment in Pennsylvania equals, if it does not surpass, that of any other Northern State. Pennsylvania's Republican majorities this fall will slump tremendously, particularly in Pittsburg and Philadelphia, and there will be a Democratic Congressional representation from Pennsylvania will be materially increased, also that in the State Legislature. Two years ago we elected 45 members of the House, and 10 members of the Senate. I expect this representation to be doubled, if not better, November 3d.

"All of our Congressional contests promise to be successful. Congressman W. B. Wilson, Democrat, will again defeat Elias Deemer, in the Fifteenth district. Kline, Democrat, will beat Huff, Republican, in the Twenty-second district; Zeigler, Democrat, will defeat Lafean, Republican, for re-election in the Twentieth district; Walker, Democrat, will win against Barclay, Republican, in the Twenty-first district; Tate, Democrat, will defeat the re-election of Reynolds, Republican, in the Nineteenth district; Travis, Democrat, will retire Cooper, Republican, in the Twenty-third district, and I am advised that Tener, Republican, has a hard fight in the Twenty-fourth district.

"Not only am I confident the Democrats will make the gains I have mentioned, but I am certain of the re-election of all Democratic Congressmen not included in my forecast.

"All the counties of the State are well organized, and I am sure of a Democratic victory all along the line."

There is a vast difference between an arbitrary man and one of sufficient back bone to say no at the right time. The arbitrary man lacks discretionary qualities, just the quality most needed in a man who deals with several thousand persons directly or indirectly. The arbitrary man is therefore one unsuited to fill the office of county commissioner, no matter what his otherwise untested qualities may be. The arbitrary man is a dangerous character in a public position; when he sets his head he is unwilling to yield, no matter how just the cause of his adversary. The quality of arbitrariness, it appears, is the chief asset of at least one if not two, of the Republican candidates for county commissioner.

In defining the word arbitrary, the Standard dictionary uses this language:

- (1) Fixed or done capriciously or at pleasure; without adequate determining principle; not founded on the nature of things; non-rational.
- (2) Not done or acting according to reason or judgment; depending on the will alone; absolute in power; capricious; tyrannical; despotic.
- (3) Not fixed by statute; discretionary; an arbitrary punishment.
- (4) Admitting an invariable value or form at pleasure; as an arbitrary constant; which may have any constant value.

Arbitrariness and judgment must not be confounded. The former quality unites a man for any public office, and the latter is the most needed quality in every public office, and especially in good judgment, a willingness to adjust every dispute on the basis of right; a willingness to give every tax payer his due; a willingness to be guided by facts rather than by caprice, needed by those who transact the affairs of the county—the county commissioners.

The present Democratic members of the board of county commissioners have shown by their acts during the past three years that they possess good judgment, and that they are not governed by arbitrary rule.

But why all this about arbitrariness? Because a Republican in enumerating the qualities of one of the candidates of his party for county commissioner placed above everything else possessed by the man the quality of being arbitrary. Using his own words: "He is the—contrariest man in the neighborhood, and it doesn't matter what is doing."

It is asking a good bit from the tax payers in Centre county to vote for a man who just came into the county and elevate him to one of the best offices in the gift of the people. Just think of it, he barely came into the county early enough to vote for the last Republican board of county commissioners who left the county in debt. Sure there is not a Republican outside of Phillipsburg with a gall large enough to ask an office before he has rightly become a citizen.

A drive from Bellefonte to Milesburg will explain Taylor's employment scheme. Taylor does not take state road jobs for the benefit of workmen—no, not from the appearance of the road mentioned.

## HIGH SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS.

Maximum for Graded Institutions in Boroughs and Towns Set.

According to the appropriation rate fixed by the State Department of Public Instruction, high schools of the first class will receive \$720 from the state; second class, \$540, and third class, \$360. Borough high schools will receive somewhat more than half these amounts, according to the respective classes, schools of the first class getting \$450; second class, \$337.50; third class, \$225.

The maximum amount which may be appropriated to schools of the first class, either in townships or boroughs, under the law, is \$800; second class, \$600; third class, \$400.

The last legislature appropriated \$137,500 for township high schools, and appropriated the same amount to borough high schools. The Department of Public Instruction, however, finds that the appropriations are not sufficient to give each school the maximum sum allowed by law, and the pro rata percentage has been fixed in each case.

The several high schools are now being classified, and distribution of the appropriations will be started as soon as the classifications are finished. It has been found by the high school inspectors that some of the schools are not entitled to position in the class claimed by them, and these differences are being straightened out.

Schools of the first class, either borough or township, are those that have a bona fide four-year course above the grammar grade; second class, those with a three-year course, and third class, those with a two-year course.

## Centre vs. Blair.

The following clipped from the Democratic Watchman may be as much a surprise to the Reporter readers as it was to the editor of this paper. The Reporter took it for granted that the republicans would not place in nomination a new comer for such an important office as sheriff, but it evidently has. The Watchman says: "If Centre county people want a Blair county man to act as Sheriff for them they will elect W. E. Hurley. He has lived and voted in this county but seven years, and we presume that if horse trading about Phillipsburg should prove unprofitable he would pull up stakes any day and go back to Blair county, where his real interests are."

On the other hand Mr. Fred F. Smith is a native of the county. He has made his living by honest and hard work on his farm in Rush township, since he was a boy. He has been a tax payer in this county for over twenty-five years, and if farmers in this county are to be considered as deserving as horse jockeys and speculators, Mr. Smith should certainly receive the support of every voter who thinks so. Personally Mr. Hurley may be all right but he would have a much stronger claim for the support of Centre county voters if he had ever done anything to deserve that support or had lived in the county long enough to be classed as one of its people.

Calling Hurley a horse jockey is not hurting his reputation any when you stop to think that after living in the county but a short time he imagines himself entitled to a county office. In order to be a successful jockey, one must learn to overestimate the value of a horse, and possibly it is the excessive development of this particular gift that has brought Mr. Hurley to really believe the native Centre county should stand back and give a son of Blair a chance.

In the commissioners office more than anywhere else experience counts, but experience is not the only claim of qualification by the present Democratic members of that board. Messrs. Dunlap and Weaver have rendered the best possible service to the county. They have lifted the county out of debt; did business on the pay as you go principle, and practiced economy everywhere.

Taylor-Hurley-Brown is the Republican combination that is to win. The remainder of the Republican ticket must look out for itself. Rather selfish, and all the more so when the combination is set up for the sole purpose of Taylor coming out on top.

Centre county ought to give W. Harrison Walker a big boost on November 3rd, and if Centre county does its duty, Mr. Walker will be the next congressman from this district.

If you want a sample of the kind of language Bert Taylor uses, ask some one what he said to the late A. V. Miller. And it wasn't on politics.

If you don't want to be ashamed of yourself you will be obliged to vote for J. C. Meyer, Esq., for assemblyman. That is all there is to it.

The egotist is never at a loss for a topic for conversation.

Apples wanted. Five car loads.—C. F. Long, Spring Mills.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Paragraphs Picked from Exchanges of Interest to Reporter Readers.

*Milheim Journal*—Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Frank left for Philadelphia Monday to take in the sights of Founder's week.

Wm. Koonsman, of Weikert, Union county, was a visitor at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Jennie Swanger.

Mrs. Mary Branley, of Sioux Falls, S. D., and Mrs. Lizzie Smith, of Sinking Springs, are visiting at the home of Jos. W. and Miss Jennie Reifsnnyder.

Mrs. P. B. Brenehan and son, Robert, and Mrs. S. Ward Gramley and daughter, Lucile, are visiting at the home of C. A. Sturgis, at Watsonstown.

Mrs. F. M. Stevenson returned Saturday from a week's visit at Sunbury. She was accompanied by Mrs. William Gibbons, of that place, who will spend several days with Mrs. Stevenson.

A large crew of workmen are engaged in rebuilding the telephone line between Millheim and Coburn for the Bell Telephone company. This line is one of the oldest in the county, having been installed 19 years ago.

Frederick Limbert, of Aaronsburg, has in his possession an armchair that is more than two hundred years old. The chair was originally brought to this country from Germany by his great grandfather and has remained in the Limbert family ever since. The chair, until recently, was owned by Jackson Limbert, late of Madisonburg, deceased. This ancient relic is well preserved and as useful to-day as it ever was. It is prized very highly by Mr. Limbert.

## Iron Pyrites Found.

Eight concretionary nodules of iron pyrites were picked up in a pile Tuesday of last week by Benjamin, the young son of Frank E. Spangler, at his home in Harrisburg, where a trench is being dug for a gas line. They range in size from a hickory nut to an orange, and were at first thought to be aerolites. Investigation has shown that they are a formation of iron and sulphur, which grow larger the longer they are left in the soil. They are exceedingly hard and very heavy, and are the largest samples found in that vicinity.

## German Are For Bryan.

The Brooklyn Eagle said in its news columns a few days ago:

"A prominent Republican who for many years has been connected with the national organization, brought the disturbing news to Chairman Hitchcock's headquarters today that of the 500 or more German newspapers of the United States, only two are supporting Mr. Taft. The Republican leader declared that the German-American generally were opposed to the Republican candidate, and thought it was up to somebody at headquarters to get busy and meet the situation."

It is very important to have a man in the Recorder's office who can step right in and assume the duties without fear that some one will suffer on account of a blunder. No need of apprehension on the part of the voters who support Mr. Musser for that office. His training as a justice of the peace, his ability to write deeds, conveyances, etc., fits him exactly for the place on a day's notice.

The same is true with George F. Weaver, the one-armed man from upper Brush Valley, who is aspiring to become the next Register of Centre county. He, like Mr. Musser, is a justice of the peace, and has had experiences that will fit him well for the office. His opponent, Mr. Tuten, is up for re-election, and one naturally would contend that he would have, after three years' office holding, a thorough insight of the business pertaining to that office. But, unfortunately for Mr. Tuten, that is not the case, and it would hardly be denied by him that on account of inattention to office duties and dependence almost entirely on his clerk, he is unable at this time to conduct the office himself.

That being the case, Mr. Weaver is at no disadvantage, and no one would suffer the least if he should succeed (which he undoubtedly will) the present incumbent.

And all this speaks well for the whole of the Democratic ticket, which, by the way, was selected by the Democratic voters by ballot.

The jocular side of the candidacy of W. Harrison Walker, Esq., has long since passed by. Now it's up to Barclay to show himself having been a real congressman, which task is an impossible one. Every farmer, every laborer, every mechanic will be furthering his personal interests by supporting Mr. Walker for congress.

The Gazette intimates that because Taylor would be in with the state gang this county would fare better at the state crib. What nonsense. The larger the number of state gangsters the less there is left for the people.

## Birthday Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sharer gave a birthday party Friday evening in honor of their eldest daughter, Miss Bertha. The young people had a most delightful time, the new and handsome home of the Sharers affording ample room for entertainment. Games were participated in and the evening passed by before the participants realized the hour for home-going had arrived. The company was served to choice refreshments, and while these were being enjoyed, Messrs. Al. Osman and Gross Allison furnished music on the violin. Those present were: Misses Sarah Reish, Verna Weaver, Mary Barner, Grace Fetterolf, Fernore Hoover, Clara Shaffer, Myrtle Zeigler, Ruth Thomas, Freda Bailey, Cora Luse, Bertha Strohmeier, Mary Shaffer, Lydia Zeigler, Nellie Smith, Margaret Mitterling, Virgie Durst, Mary Durst, Anna Mitterling, Mrs. S. E. Sharer and sons Rufus and Bruce, Messrs. Al. Osman, Orvis Weaver, Wallace Weaver, Gross Allison, Roy Korman, Paul Shaffer, Bruce Korman, Thomas Shaffer, Ralph Zeigler, William Keller, Robert Meyer, Edward Bailey, Elmer Rossman, Clayton Homan, Charley Barner, John Homan, Harvey Barner, Charles Durst, Herb Garris, Grover Weaver, Christ Durst, Henry Rupp, and Calvin Smith.

## I. O. O. F. Officers Installed.

The newly elected officers of Penns Valley Lodge, No. 276, I. O. O. F., of Pine Grove Mills, were installed by Percival Rudy, of the State College lodge. The list of officers follows: Noble grand, G. W. Rossman; vice grand, Harry Sunday; treasurer, J. G. Heberling; recording secretary, J. O. Campbell; financial secretary, M. E. Heberling; chaplain, Dr. R. M. Krebs; trustee, William H. Fry; warden, W. H. Goss; conductor, J. H. Bailey; right supporter to noble grand, J. W. Fry; left supporter to noble grand, E. C. Musser; right supporter to vice grand, H. M. Walker; left supporter to vice grand, Harry Walker; right scene supporter, H. A. Elder; left scene supporter, Harry McCracken; inside guardian, A. S. Bailey; outside guardian, Sumner Miller; representative to grand castle, A. S. Bailey; alternate, J. H. Bailey.

## Potato Flake for Stock Feeding.

After utilizing the potato crop in Germany for human food and for the manufacture of alcohol there is still a large surplus, which by several new processes of drying and crushing is converted into "flake" suitable for stock feeding. In this form of dried flour the quality of the food does not suffer deterioration, and it is finding ready use as a partial substitute for American corn. The thrifty Germans are now offering potato flake for export to other countries. Its chief value seems to be rather as a satisfying adulterant than as a whole food. It is readily eaten and easily digested by all domestic animals.

## Cow Sale at Hubersburg.

The cow sale announced for Wednesday, has been postponed until Saturday, 17th inst., at one o'clock, and will be held at the barn of John D. Miller, at Hubersburg. There will be offered at this sale twenty head of Ohio cows—Holstein and the milking strand of Durhams; also three bulls. These cows have been selected with a view of filling the needs of farmers in Penn and Nittany Valleys, thus affording an opportunity to purchase just the stock desired. Terms will be reasonable.

GEORGE W. BRADFORD,  
Centre Hall.

## Farmers Institutes.

The dates for the farmers institutes to be held in Centre county during the season of 1908-'09 have been named by the State Department of Agriculture and are as follows: Aaronsburg, Monday and Tuesday, February 22nd and 23rd; Pine Grove Mills, Wednesday and Thursday, 24th and 25th; Stormstown, Friday and Saturday, February 26th and 27th.

## Poor Farm For Spring.

The overseers of the poor of Spring township have purchased the farm of the late Christian Dale, near Pleasant Gap, and will turn it into a poor farm, where all those dependent upon the township for support will be kept. Luther H. Dale, who now occupies the farm, will have to vacate it next spring when the township will take charge.

## 16-Ounce Pound Apples.

Pound apples that are true to name are grown by George F. Emerick, east of Centre Hall, who sent several specimens to this office through Howard Fetterolf that weigh just sixteen ounces. They are also highly colored, and well shaped.

When autumn comes we see the autumn leaves.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

So far October has been a beautiful month.

Mrs. B. F. Bieber returned from a two weeks visit to her former home at Watsontown.

The twenty-fifth annual reunion of the 110th regiment, P. V. I., will be held at Tyrone Friday.

Saturday evening one-half inch of water fell, affording sufficient moisture in well prepared soil to sprout the late sown wheat.

Rita Graves's story of a suicide bureau advertising "Advice to Timid Suitors," in the November Smart Set, is one of the striking magazine features of the month.

Rev. Bieber, instead of delivering a sermon, Sunday evening, told his congregation of the transactions of the Central Pennsylvania Synod, held in Newport the week previous.

Farmers are swapping corn stories just now. The corn subject is attracting more attention than politics, but by the third of November they will be at the polls to vote for their friend and advocate, Mr. Bryan.

Union county farmers like those in this county sowed much of their wheat crop the last week in September and first week in October. The early sowing in Union county has not shown up well, the same as in this section.

The wild turkey season begins today Thursday. You dare kill the wild bird if you can. There are but few, if any turkeys on the mountains near Centre Hall. Heretofore there have always been one or two flocks observed before the season opened.

Samuel Rowe has improved sufficiently that he is able to walk down town with the aid of crutches. He expects to go to Buffalo in a short time to procure a cork leg, which he anticipates he will be able to learn to handle well enough to locomote without the crutches now in use.

Mrs. H. P. Sankey, of Potters Mills, who has been ill for two or more weeks is not improving, her condition being quite serious. She suffered one or more paralytic strokes, and her recovery is very much in doubt. Mrs. Sankey is the sister of Hon. L. Rhone, and for several weeks, prior to being ill, was his guest.

Leathers Brothers, of Howard, have purchased the Hamilton farm at State College, consisting of about thirty-five acres. They will lay the farm out in town lots and are planning for a big sale. The boys have been engaged in this business for the past several years and have been quite successful in their real estate ventures.

Aaron O. Detwiler, tenant on the Wagner farm, south of Centre Hall, was a caller at this office Friday, and had an advertisement inserted for his wife offering for sale her property at Colyer. Mr. Detwiler will be obliged to leave the farm he now occupies, but this is due to the fact that the owner, Clayton Wagner, will occupy the place himself. Mr. Detwiler has not yet rented, but a farmer of his make-up usually is able to make a selection of a farm.

Farmers should attend the horse show, at State College, which will be held on the last day of this month. No admission will be charged, yet there is much the farmer, no matter whether he is particularly interested in horse flesh or not, may learn. The time lost from the farm that is spent at Pennsylvania State College may be placed to the credit side, provided the farmer does not rivot his eyes on the spot in front of his toes.

In this issue will be found an article on High School appropriations by the state that should be read by every tax payer in Centre Hall borough. The idea is to impress upon the residents that by keeping up an educational spirit and inducing children to attend school until graduated from the High School, the public school of Centre Hall can be conducted on a less tax rate than will be necessary if school interest is permitted to lag and the High School abolished as was advocated by some thoughtless people three years ago. True the tax rate—nine mills—is high, but the board hopes to have a good cash balance on hand by June 1st, the end of the present fiscal year. The board, when it laid the millage for this year's tax, was at a disadvantage, and was unable to ascertain the amounts of appropriation from the state, and in order to be on the safe side levied a tax that would pay all expenses without an increase of appropriation. The regular appropriation was several hundred dollars in excess of that previously received, and to this may be added the appropriation now due for the High School. The millage for next year may, unless extravagance is indulged in, be reduced at least two mills, and perhaps more.