

WHEN the honor of our country is attacked, we go to war. When the honor and integrity of our party is attacked, we go to the polls. Take time to do this for the Democratic party on May 19, 1914.

In many political contests a Republican has voted for a Democrat, and likewise a Democrat for a Republican, but no honest Democrat or Republican believes that either party should control the organization of the other. Every DEMOCRAT in Pennsylvania desiring to maintain the integrity of his party and the independence of his party organization, should go to the polls on May 19th next and vote for Vance C. McCormick for Governor, A. Mitchell Palmer for United States Senator, and locally for the men pledged to support Clean, Militant, Progressive Democracy in Pennsylvania.

IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE.

The Securing of Candidates for Governor and United States Senator Taken from Ring-Made and Boss-Ruled Conventions.

The people of the State, in all the years of its existence, have never had an opportunity to secure candidates for the office of United States Senator and Governor as they now have. Ring-made and boss-ruled conventions or legislatures have nothing to say as to who shall be the candidates for these exalted positions. The people alone, in the manner provided by law, and indeed this is the way they "long have sought, and because they found it not," they have been ruled by rings, plundered by bi-partisan combinations, betrayed and robbed by the grafter.

If men who are thoroughly honest, clean, and able, of high character, honorable with lofty aims and purposes are not now nominated the fault must rest entirely with the people of the State. It is hoped that they fully understand this. For a number of years past the Democratic party was in a most deplorable condition.

As Wallace, Randall, Dill, and Speer and men of their ability to lead, passed, there were none came to take their place and within a few years the Garmans, Guffeys, Donnellys and Brennens set themselves up as the Democratic party, not that they might lead, but rather have a share in the looting of the State and its great cities. They were ever ready to, and did form combinations with the Quays, Penroses, the McNichols, Vares, Magees, and Flinn, whereby they or certain of their kind were given profitable positions, contracts, or districts were so framed that year after year they could be elected to the House of Representatives or Senate of the State.

The controlling of the two political parties in the State in this unholy manner sickened the people and, after a long weary but determined fight, winning a little now and a little then, they have reached the point where they have the whole say as to who shall or who shall not be their candidates. If they would maintain the ground they have won they must continue the fight.

The dissatisfaction with the leadership of the party among the Democrats was well grounded and vehemently expressed before the convention at Allentown in 1910. The disregard of the will of the Democratic people by the men who controlled that convention was the occasion of revolt that year, the cause was much older. In 1908 the Democrats of the State were so strongly opposed to Mr. Guffey as the member of the National Committee, that the delegates from the State to the National Convention of that year threw him overboard and put in his place the lamented James Kerr. On the death of Mr. Kerr, Mr. Guffey tumbled himself into the chair thus made vacant, to the disgust of the Democrats.

In 1906 when there was a great revolt in the Republican party and the Democrats and the revolting Republicans, who had taken the name of the Lincoln party united on a good strong ticket, it is well known that Guffey and the Brennens and others of their ilk, did all they could to defeat the ticket endorsed

by the Democrats, and it even had a Ryan on it. In 1908 Mr. Guffey did whatever he could against Bryan and when he was defeated declared "he had been wiped from the face of the earth." Bryan is still here and to the eyes of the unredeemed the Hon. James M. Guffey is passing away. But it has been deemed more sinful for men like Mr. Guthrie, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Ryan to refuse to support Mr. Bryan in 1896 than for Mr. Guffey to do so in 1908.

After the Allentown Convention when the rank and file of the party revolted, in order to appease the wrath of the people, many efforts were made to have Grim and Berry both withdraw and give to the party a new and unobjectionable man. This was about to be consummated when the now Judge Bonniwell desired to know what the Keystone Committee of which he was chairman was to get, and it is alleged that he sought a very large contribution from the very wealthy, Mr. C—— to enable him to agree to the withdrawal of Mr. Berry. Mr. C—— would not cough up. The chairman of the Keystone Committee would not consent to the withdrawal of Mr. Berry. Grim continued to run and the demand for reorganization became imperative. The first man to demand reorganization was Mr. Dewalt, then chairman of the State Democratic Committee. As soon as it became plain to Mr. Dewalt that the committee and the party wanted not only reorganization, but now men to lead, he began to hedge. The contest continued until 1911 when a majority of the State Committee, after a fair open contest, the old gang which always acted in cahoot with the Quay and Penrose for years, were fairly, squarely, and honestly defeated in their efforts to control the party, and men of sterling worth, unimpeachable integrity, undoubted ability to organize and capacity to lead, were given the post of leadership in the Democratic party.

From that day to this the old disgruntled, incompetent, and replaced leaders have been dissatisfied. They are never so happy as when charging such men as A. Mitchell Palmer, Vance C. McCormick, and George W. Guthrie and others with things no honest man would or could do. Naturally the majority should rule. Naturally the defeated should have submitted. Had they been men who desired the success and welfare of the Democratic party they would have done so cheerfully. This they refused to do, and that they might have some one to rally around have put out, as their candidate, a man who must necessarily be objectionable to a large majority of honest Democrats, while all the rum sellers, ballot-box-stuffers, ring following Democrats have rallied around him with great unanimity.

Will the honest, noble hearted, liberty loving people of the country submit or will they give their support to men who are free, untainted and unallied with the bi-partisan heelers and rounders who prey upon the people and trade in politics for a living.

RYAN ADMITS THAT HE CANNOT BE ELECTED.

Every man in Pennsylvania who believes in the principles of the Democratic party, who hopes for success in Pennsylvania at the election in November and who wants the supremacy of the Democratic party in national affairs to continue, should bear in mind that

Michael J. Ryan, candidate of the Penrose bi-partisan machine knows and has admitted that he could not be elected Governor of Pennsylvania if he were to receive the Democratic nomination.

for Representative in Congress in Harrisburg district, in a public speech declared that attaches of Mr. Ryan's office as City Solicitor in Philadelphia had told him that Mr. Ryan could not be elected if nominated. Everybody who knows Mr. Prizer knows that he spoke the truth. A stream does not rise above its source. Those statements by Mr. Ryan's assistants show the feeling in Mr. Ryan's own office.

But even more direct evidence is at hand. In his speech at Reading on Thursday evening Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer said: "Mr. Ryan knows he cannot be elected if nominated. HE HIMSELF TOLD ME HE COULD NOT BE ELECTED. It is not the game of the bi-partisan Democrats to elect their candidates. The same flock of political buzzards are back of him that were responsible for the crime of Allentown, and their only purpose in trying to gain control of the party is to make it a trading post."

Every intelligent man should know that in that declaration Mr. Palmer spoke the truth. Is there a man in Pennsylvania who believes in the principles of the Democratic party, who hopes for the success of the party at the election in November and who wants the supremacy of the Democratic party in national affairs to continue, who will cast his vote at the primary for a man who knows and has admitted that he could not be elected if nominated.

Candidate Tobias non-committal. William E. Tobias, the Clearfield county candidate for congress in this district, is non-committal on where he stands as to favoring the present state organization. He is not willing to say whether he is with the Democratic organization as represented by Mr. Palmer, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Blakeless and others, or whether he favors the Guffey, Hall, Dimeling, Dewalt leaders, who for years have aided the Republican machine in electing their candidates from president down to county offices.

Not being willing to state himself where he stands, the voter must pass judgment on him. It is sufficient to say that the candidate who follows the leadership of Mr. Palmer, Mr. McCormick and Mr. Blakeless is not ashamed to say so. R. E. Benson of Mt. Jewett, a former member of the legislature, the only other candidate in the field for congress in this district, comes out squarely and says he stands not only with the national administration, but absolutely with the present state organization. And he further says: "The return to power of the old bi-partisan machine either direct or under the guise of new leaders would be a calamity that must not be permitted."

The attitude of these candidates on this particular question is learned from letters to Hon. A. R. Johnson, chairman of the congressional committee of the 21st district, in reply to questions put to them by Mr. Johnson.

Capt. Taylor, candidate for congressman-at-large, made no reply to Mr. Johnson's letter of inquiry. In Centre county it is known that Taylor has been training with the bi-partisan machine for a number of years, and is doing so today. He will not be able to fool anybody in Centre county, but he may succeed to some extent in other counties, and yet his correct measure was taken by the Huntingdon Monitor, when it said:

"Col. H. S. Taylor of Bellefonte, whose petition was circulated in Huntingdon county for democratic

C. H. S. COMMENCEMENT.

Class of Four—Two Young Ladies and Two Young Men—Are Prepared for Higher Step in Education. All roads seemed to lead to Grange Aroclia on Wednesday evening, April 29th, the occasion being the commencement exercises of Centre Hall High School. Long before the class appeared on the stage the seating capacity of the hall was taxed to its limit, and when promptly at 8 o'clock the class, with Principal H. A. Dodson and Prof. O. H. Blakeless of Bloomsburg State Normal School, appeared, the aisles were occupied by those eager to hear and see.

The program rendered was well received by the audience and the papers rendered by the graduates showed earnest, thoughtful, original work. The class consisted of two young ladies and two young men, the ladies being Miss Anna Elizabeth Reareck and Miss Jennie Sarah Stahl and the gentlemen being Ralph Guyer Homan and Frederick George Stover.

Smith's Orchestra of Bellefonte rendered music both before and during the rendition of the program. Upon the entry of the class Rev. F. W. Barry of the Lutheran church invoked the blessing of our Heavenly Father. Miss Reareck in her salutatory emphasized the point that graduation does not bring with it completion of an education.

Mr. Homan in his oration, "The Making of Character", showed that man is not entirely the creature of external influence but that he may, through education and training, largely shape his own peculiar destiny. The class prophecy was read by Miss Jennie Stahl. The last of the class to appear was the president of the class, Fred Stover, who delivered the "President's Address."

Dr. H. F. Bitner, secretary of the Board of Education, then stepped to the platform and after a few remarks to parents and pupils about the necessity of perseverance and regularity in school work, he presented the diplomas to the members of the class. The commencement address was delivered by Prof. O. H. Blakeless of the department of Psychology, of Bloomsburg State Normal School.

Prof. Blakeless' address furnished food for thought to any careful student of present conditions. To those who heard it, it was an inspiration. He spoke of the duty the parents and community owe to the children in affording them means for getting an education and of the good work that is being done by high schools at present. The exercises were closed by a benediction by Rev. W. H. Schuyler.

McCormick Fair to Work. The bi-partisans, those in the Democratic party who prefer to see a Republican in Pennsylvania elected to office rather than a Democrat, have been assailing the record of Mr. McCormick, the Democratic candidate for governor, and want to make it appear that he is not in good grace with the laboring classes, when the reverse is quite true.

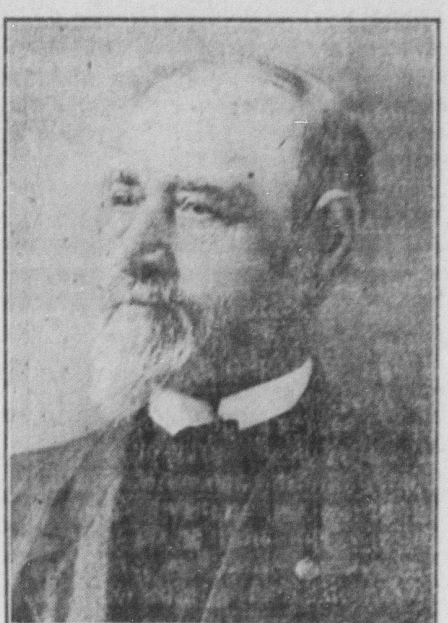
After stating emphatically that the records show that Mr. McCormick never said \$120 was enough for a day's labor, William B. Wilson, Secretary of Labor in Wilson's cabinet, and former secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, made this statement referring to those who misrepresented Mr. McCormick: "I have taken the pains to look into this and a number of other allegations emanating from the same source and have satisfied myself that they are without foundation in fact, and have been circulated solely for political purposes."

"Men who deliberately resort to a perversion of the truth for the purpose of deceiving, misleading or prejudicing the people are deserving of the severest condemnation and should not be trusted by the wage earners or anybody else."

The above paragraphs are taken from a letter addressed by Secretary Wilson to James Purcell of Clearfield.

Since the census of 1910 the population of Pennsylvania has increased over a half million.

(Continued from previous column.) signers to become a candidate for Congressman-at-large, is a misfit for the job he seeks. Mr. Taylor is a follower of the bi-partisan machine whose ambition is no higher than to strengthen the Penrose machine in this state. Col. Taylor represents to be a democrat, but is sailing under false colors when he allies himself with Brennan, Donnelly and Ryan make up. Had his true color been known when his petition was put in circulation in Huntingdon there would have been few signers to it. Huntingdon county democrats are refusing to follow false gods, political or otherwise."



D. W. MILLER. Miller For Local Option. PINE GROVE MILLS, PA. May 4, 1914.

Editors of the Reporter: I, as a candidate seeking the Democratic nomination for Legislature, have been repeatedly asked to state my position on the local option question.

In order that my position may be made clear to all, I wish to say that I believe the basic principle of Democracy is to give the people an opportunity to determine for themselves what they want. I therefore pledge myself unreservedly to support local option measures in the event that I should become Centre County's representative in the Legislature. I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours, D. W. MILLER. SNYDER CO. HAS 19 LESS LICENSES.

Judge Ignores the Objections Filed by Temperance People Concerning the Question of Illegal Advertising of Licenses.

Despite the fact that liquor license applications were advertised in only several hundred copies of special "editions" of newspapers, although the law demands that the advertisements shall appear two times in newspapers of general circulation, Judge Albert W. Johnson and his associates last week renewed fourteen licenses in Snyder county. Four were refused and three applications were held up for further consideration.

Judge Johnson absolutely ignored the contention of the Anti-Saloon League that the "advertising" of the applications was illegal and granted and refused the licenses without disposing of the advertising objection. The temperance forces are pretty well satisfied since they have reduced the list of licenses.

The license of George H. Lefler, at Shamokin Dam, was refused on account of violations, selling to minors and to persons visibly affected, and gambling for drinks. Homer Rathfon Central Hotel, Middleburg, was refused on account of no necessity and because he sold liquor to three boys on December 28, 1913. The boys were found in a gutter dead drunk at midnight on a cold night, and would have frozen to death if they had not been rescued. H. H. Faust, of Freeburg, was refused because the town did not need more than one license, though the court expressed willingness to grant him a license when one was needed.

The licenses held up were those of Charles D. Neiswender of the National Hotel, Selingsgrove; C. L. Keiser, Farmers' Inn, Selingsgrove; and W. A. Napp, Penna Creek. The court says that they would grant only one of the two licenses in Selingsgrove in addition to the license of John F. Bucher, of the Keystone Hotel, granted recently.

Three years ago Snyder county had thirty-three licenses. Now it has only fourteen.

Forest County Almost Liqueors. Forest county has only one licensed hotel. At license court last week Judge W. D. Hinckley refused the applications of four of the five hotels that were heretofore licensed. The county seat, Tionesta, will be dry, and the only place granted the privilege is Marlionville, a small lumber town.

Make up your mind now that you will attend the primary election on May 19th, and vote for men who stand firm by the national administration, who stand for the Democratic state organization that is opposed to bargaining and dickerings with the Penrose machine in Pennsylvania.

Petitions are being circulated asking United States Senators Penrose and Oliver to vote for the constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture of liquors as a beverage, in other words, to bring about National Prohibition.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Cherry trees are in bloom. Miss Helen Luse is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Powell, at Laurelton. Ralph Bitner, Grass Allison and a fellow student, hiked from State College to Centre Hall on Saturday. Farmers were busy sowing oats and barley the latter part of last and the beginning of this week, but the crops are not all sown.

Messrs. Rowe and Florsy are installing the fixtures in a bath room for Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Homan in the Arney property just east of Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Bloom of Williamsport, and Miss Helen Shaeffer of Bellefonte, were entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Allison over Sunday.

The San Jose scale is doing great damage in many orchards in this section. Unless spraying is resorted to in a general way, many orchards will be wholly ruined in a few years.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harshbarger will accompany her grandson, Kenneth Reed, to Rockford, Illinois. The former expects to return in several months to Millheim, but the latter will remain in the Illinois town.

Mrs. Lillie Alexander this week opened her home in Centre Hall. Since the beginning of the year Mrs. Alexander has been at the home of her brothers at Spring Mills, Poiters Mills and Bellefonte.

William B. Fiedler, John Ruble, Samuel Gross and George Breon were at their homes in Centre Hall over Sunday. They are all carpenters, and are engaged at State College. Mr. Fiedler is employed by Penn State.

Millheim has three of its citizens in the service of Uncle Sam: Joseph Hoffman, an officer, aboard the battleship Minnesota; Gurney Boob, a sailor, aboard the U. S. S. Paul Jones, and Gervis Stover, a marine, in Mexico.

With his eighty-first birthday looming up in the distance Capt. William Snyder still finds walking good to Centre Hall from his home two miles in the country. He dug his garden this spring without any help and does all the chores which usually fall to such a youngster.

Among the fourteen convicts brought from Pittsburgh to the new pen at Rock View was Harry Toner, who was sentenced two years ago by Judge Orris to serve for two and a half to ten years for forging a check on J. M. Robb of Milesburg, while in the latter's employ.

Prof. O. H. Blakeless, the speaker at the commencement exercises of the local high school, during his stay in Centre Hall was entertained at the homes of Prof. H. A. Dodson and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith. He is one of the faculty of the Bloomsburg State Normal at which institution Miss Ruth Smith is being educated.

Sumner Kerstetter, from Thursday until Friday of last week, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Milford Luse in Centre Hall. He came direct from Whitefish, Montana, where he is employed in the railroad service. From here he went to the home of his father, Joel Kerstetter, at Laurelton. He will leave again for Montana next Monday. Three of the Kerstetter brothers are now in the far west.

Merchant S. S. Kreamer is having his dwelling house repainted, Messrs. F. E. Arney and John Luse doing the work. Since purchasing the home, Mr. Kreamer had the roof raised, and made other improvements, and when the painting is completed it will be one of the prettiest homes in that locality. The house was erected by "Jack" Dale, and for many years was owned by the late M. B. Richard.

The second Ford five-passenger car to come to Centre Hall within the past two weeks was purchased by H. G. Strohmeier, the marble dealer. On the first day out with the machine, Mr. Strohmeier is said to have handled it in a most creditable manner. While his main purpose in making the purchase was for the pleasure of himself and family, he will also use it to drum up business in various parts of the country.

The commencement exercises of the Bualsburg High School attracted a number of people from Centre Hall, who spoke in laudable terms of the efforts of the graduating class. The following were present: Misses Hazel Emery, Katie McCool, Laura Mitterling, Helen Luse, Nina Slick, Jennie Stahl, Messrs. William Bradford, Bruce Stahl, Sidney Royer, Henry Mitterling, Alfred Crawford, Edward Durs, Ruy Durs, Robert Meyer, Mrs. W. A. Odenkirk, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Durs and Miss Blanche Rowe.