



THE POLITICAL RECORD OF MICHAEL LIEBEL, JR.

READ WHAT DEMOCRATS WHO KNOW HIM BEST SAY OF HIM

There are only two Democratic newspapers in the Erie-Crawford congressional district that are loyal supporters of the administration of President Wilson, and that can be relied upon to support Democratic candidates in the state of Pennsylvania.

The following comments from these papers throw much light upon the political record of Mr. Liebel, who has the effrontery to present himself as a candidate for Democratic National Committeeman for Pennsylvania:

In its issue of April 17, 1916, the Corry Journal says:

"FACTS OF LIEBEL'S RECORD AS DEMOCRAT

"Record Does Not Warrant Party's Support in Fight Against Palmer.

"The announcement of Michael Liebel, member of congress from the Erie-Crawford congressional district, as a candidate for Democratic National Committeeman for Pennsylvania has aroused the indignation of the representative Democrats of his county and congressional district, yet his whole record is known. Liebel's announcement professes to be in the interest of harmony and the building up of the Democratic party, yet his whole political life in the party has been devoted to tearing down and betraying the party and its candidates.

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record, however, had preceded him to Washington. His reputation as a Democrat was as well known to President Wilson and his administration as it was to the Democrats of his own congressional district, and as a result Liebel stands branded in the national capital as the one Democratic congressman whose recommendation is liability rather than an asset to whom it is given, and President Wilson has not permitted him to designate a single postmaster or other appointee in his own congressional district.

"Nor is his record of Democratic betrayal confined to the congressional candidates of the party whose recognition he now seeks. "In 1907, John A. Reynolds was unanimously nominated by the Democratic convention of Erie county as its candidate for sheriff. After having received the unanimous endorsement of his party convention for this office Mr. Reynolds was informed by Liebel that he had no business being a candidate without consulting him (Liebel) and that, therefore, he would oppose Mr. Reynolds in the election. He (Liebel) did oppose Mr. Reynolds and the Republican candidate for sheriff was elected.

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"In 1908 and 1910, Honorable John B. Brooks, of Erie, was the Democratic candidate for congress in the district and he was elected. In these campaigns Liebel and his machine supported the Republican candidate. "In 1912, Turner W. Shacklet, of Erie, was nominated as the Democratic candidate for congress. There was a contest for the Republican nomination between Wilton W. Shreve and Inador Sobel. In the primaries the Liebel machine participated actively in behalf of Shreve and he was nominated as the Republican candidate. In the general election this (Liebel) machine continued in support of Shreve as against Shacklet, the Democratic nominee.

TWO PENNS VALLEY DEBATE WINNERS TO GO TO STATE COLLEGE.

Lee Frazier and Miles Thomas Carry Off Honors at District Debate Held at Altoona, Friday evening.

Two of the three Penns Valley young men who were winners in the inter-county debate held at Bellefonte several weeks ago, were likewise successful in being chosen to represent this district in the state debate to be held at State College in the near future. Lee Frazier and Miles Thomas, the former of near this place and the latter of Boalsburg, and Thomas E. Cooley of DuBois, presented the best arguments, in the opinion of the judges, at the district debate which was held under the auspices of the Altoona Chamber of Commerce in that city, Friday evening.

The district represents the counties of Centre, Clearfield, Bedford and Blair. The subject for debate was, "Resolved, That the cause of peace can best be preserved by means of extensive warlike preparations on the part of the great world powers." Four of the debaters chose the affirmative and six the negative. Those who advocated warlike preparations were Ray Durst and Lee Frazier, of the Bellefonte high school, and Warden C. Van Etten and Abe Cohen, DuBois high school.

The following argued against warlike preparations: Howard Keiper, of Woodbury high school; Miles Thomas, Boalsburg; Thomas E. Cooley, DuBois, and Alfred Burket, Calvin Moore and Byron Sell, of the Altoona high school.

Each was limited to fifteen minutes in presenting his arguments. The judges were C. C. Greer, of Johnstown, former district attorney of Cambria county; John E. Gable, editor of the Johnstown Leader, and Professor William M. Rife, city superintendent of the Huntingdon schools.

After listening to the arguments they decided that Lee Frazier, of the Bellefonte high school; Miles Thomas, of the Boalsburg high school, and Thomas E. Cooley, of the DuBois high school, presented the best prepared arguments and were the winners of the contest.

The first named argued in favor of the affirmative. The two other winners had the negative side of the question. The winners of the contest will represent this district at the debate to be given at State College in the near future.

Letter from Subscriber.

John F. Ziegler, in writing the Reporter to change his address from Altoona to Eldorado, continues thus: "I built a ready-cut house at Rose-lawn, suburban to the city, three miles southwest of the city, reached by steam and trolley cars, as well as by the jitneys. The home I built is, while of the bungalow type, nevertheless of full two-story size and is larger than outside appearances indicate. I bought it from the International Mill and Timber Company, of Bay City, Michigan, and I acted as my own contractor in the erection of it. It has double floors—up and down stairs—and building paper between. Also, sheeted and knotted red cedar weather boarding with building paper between."

12th District S. S. Convention.

The twelfth annual convention of the twelfth district of the Centre County Sunday-school association will be held in the Reformed church at Rebersburg, Wednesday, May 17th. The district comprises Miles, Haines and Penn townships and Millheim borough. The complete program will appear next week.

War and the Horse.

Horse-breeding in this country which as an industry, has been threatened by the extension of the use of automobiles in the city and on the farm, may be reinvigorated by the horse having being wrought in the war-ridden countries of Europe. This was the thought of experienced horsemen who gathered recently on one of the fine stock farms outside Philadelphia. No less an expert than Dr. Carl W. Gay, who has officiated at Hogestown shows, made the prediction that the European war would foster American horse-breeding and that the Percheron was likely to be the type.

France has refused permission to export Percheron mares for ten years after the war. This embargo is certain to help Percheron breeding in America. The only enemy the horse has is the auto. He has suffered, and his market has suffered, of course, and his market has some jobs which only horses can do and it will be a wise farmer who uses only the best breed.

Liebel was a pronounced trouble-maker in the Republican party up to 1906. He is working at the same job but in another camp, just now.

CHAPTER OF EASTERN STAR FORMED WITH FIFTY CHARTER MEMBERS.

Grand Chapter Officers and Host of Millinburg Chapter Members Present to Institute Sister Masonic Order—Many Others Waiting to Become Members.

Center Chapter, No. 207, Order of the Eastern Star, was instituted at Centre Hall, Monday evening, with the full chapter membership—fifty. Many more applications were received, consequently there will be much work to be done by the new order in the way of initiating new members. The birth of the new Chapter took place in the rooms of Progress Grange, and there was a large gathering of ladies and their Masonic relatives. Membership is limited to relatives of members of the Masonic fraternity.

The ceremony incident to the institution was conducted by members of the Grand Chapter, consisting of the following: Mrs. Emma C. Robinson, Pittsburgh, Worthy Grand Matron; Mrs. Adaline W. Barnes, Pittsburgh, Worthy Grand Secretary; Mrs. Nina E. Butler, DuBois, District Deputy Grand Matron, of the 16th District of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania; Arthur C. Sweet, Scranton, Worthy Grand Patron.

Assisting these in the work were the following officers and members from Millinburg Chapter, No. 152: Mrs. Cary B. Saxon, Worthy Matron; M. E. Wittenmyer, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Elizabeth Waiter, Associate Matron; Mrs. Anna Knauff, Treasurer; Mrs. Mamie Gast Roush, Secretary; Mrs. Eva Speigleyer, Conductress; Mrs. L. F. Lybarger, Associate Conductress. The Star Points were represented by Mrs. Sarah Bickle, Ada; Mrs. Sarah V. Strunk, Ruth; Mrs. Minerva C. Gutelius, Esther; Mrs. Hannah Speigleyer, Martha; Mrs. Minnie Steese, Electa; Miss Bertha Kleckner, Warden; Liman W. Strunk, Sentinel; Mrs. Alice V. Parvill, organist; Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, Chaplain; Mrs. Annie E. Diefenderfer, Marshall; Mrs. Ella B. Gant, Mrs. Verma Mueser, Mrs. Anna Wittenmyer, M. E. Diefenderfer, and Lee Francis Lybarger—members.

THE FIRST OFFICERS.

The following members were elected and formally installed as the first officers of the Chapter:

- Mrs. Anna M. Fisher, Penn Hall, Worthy Matron
Henry F. Bittner, Centre Hall, Worthy Patron
Mrs. Anna Huff, Centre Hall, Associate Patron
Miss Delinda Potter, Centre Hall, Secretary
Miss Marie Allison, Spring Mills, Treasurer
Miss Clara Condo, Millheim, Conductress
Mrs. Carrie M. Wieland, Linden Hall, Assoc. Conductress
Mrs. Marion Stover, Millheim, organist

The following are the appointive officers:

- Mrs. Anna Bradford, Centre Hall
Mrs. Pearl Arney, Centre Hall
Mrs. Margaret Jacobs, Centre Hall
Miss Miriam Long, Spring Mills
Miss Madge Brauch, Spring Mills
Mrs. Ada Finkle, Spring Mills
F. M. Fisher, Penn Hall
Mrs. Agnes M. Bittner
John J. Arney
Mrs. Annie Kemstler
Mrs. Anna M. Huff
Mrs. Laura Lee
Mrs. Ellen Jones
Mrs. Madge Brauch
Mrs. Ada Finkle
Mrs. M. Delinda Potter
Miss Martha Boal
Mrs. Elsie McClenahan
Mrs. Barbara Long
Mrs. Cora Foss
Miss Miriam Long
Mrs. Renor L. Snook
Miss Frank M. Fisher
Miss Mary C. Fisher
Miss Marie Foster
Miss Mary J. Kennedy
Mrs. Carrie M. Wieland
Mrs. Mervin Arney
Mrs. Ella Arney
Miss Edna Neff
Miss Clara L. Condo
Mrs. Henry F. Bittner
Mrs. Ella Shoop
Mrs. Lucy Henney
Mrs. Lizzie M. Jacobs
Mrs. Marion Stover
Robert Raymond Jones
Mrs. Clara G. Roseman
Mrs. Birdie Decker
Mrs. Margaret Jacobs
Mrs. Jennie M. Geesey
Mrs. Anna Bradford
Mrs. Miriam Finkle
Mrs. Martha B. Rooser
Mrs. Lillian Slick
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Miss Sarah Neff
Mrs. Bertha Miller
Mrs. Anna G. Brooks

The names of the fifty charter members are given herewith:

Meetings will be held simultaneously with the Masonic lodge, that is, Monday evening on or before full moon. The rooms of Progress Grange have been rented by the new Chapter and all meetings will be held there. The visiting officers under the royal and hospitable manner in which they were entertained by the local chapter, and count the event among the rich experiences of life.

Ladies' K. O. E. to Hold Festival.

The local order of the Ladies of the Golden Eagle will hold a festival in Grange Arcade, Centre Hall, on the evening of Memorial Day—May 30th. Ice cream, cake, coffee and strawberries will be served.

Both floors of Grange Arcade will be equipped with electric lights. The main rooms will be lighted by the use of Brascolites—two in each room. The main entrance and all ante and committee rooms, as well as the stages on both floors, will be amply lighted. The wiring and fixtures will cost about \$225.00. The work will be done by Witmer, of Bellefonte, by contract.

COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION MEETS AT HOWARD, MAY 23-24.

The Presence of Sunday-school Workers of National Prominence is Assured—Some New Features of the Convention.

The Centre county Sunday-school convention to be held in Howard, May 23 and 24, promises to be the best the county has ever held. There will be a number of speakers of national prominence in Sunday-school work. Among them will be Preston G. Orwig, the State Secondary Supt. of Sunday-school work, of Philadelphia; with him will be his wife who has been in the Sunday-school work in the west for some time. Also E. C. Keach, Sunday-school efficiency expert of the M. E. church. His subject will be "The Rural Sunday-school Problem Solved." Mr. Robert M. Hopkins will be present for the afternoon of the 23rd only and everyone is urged to try to get there for the first session. Mr. Hopkins comes from Cincinnati.

A great feature of the convention will be an Older Boy and Girl Conference for the boys and girls of the county. This will be held all day the 23rd and will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Orwig. Each Sunday-school will be expected to send one boy and one girl between the ages of fifteen and twenty. This will be a great opportunity for the boys and girls of the county. There will be a number of prominent speakers besides Mr. and Mrs. Orwig at this conference. Every Sunday-school is asked to select their delegates at once for the Boy and Girl Conference and also for the regular convention, sending their names to the county president so that arrangements can be made for their entertainment.

Mrs. L. G. Reaick Passes Away.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Ida J. Reaick, wife of L. G. Reaick, of Lock Haven, came as a pall over this community, Thursday afternoon. For a number of years the Reaick family lived here where Mr. Reaick conducted the furniture and undertaking business and Mrs. Reaick endeared herself to everyone through her lovely disposition. Her death came under extremely sad circumstances. Tuesday morning she submitted to a Caesarian operation. She was apparently progressing nicely and the infant son was vigorous. However, the mother had been affected with heart trouble before and the shock of the unusual operation was more than she could endure.

Mr. Reaick only a few months ago purchased the Seesholtz furniture store in Lock Haven and had just gotten comfortably located in his home and business. The shock is a severe one to the husband who is left with three small motherless sons—Frank, Joun, and the three-days-old infant. The deceased's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Dorman, of Lamar, and three sisters—Mrs. Paul Reaick, of Martinsburg; Mrs. Forrest Harter, of Nittany, and Mrs. William Poorman, of Lock Haven, also mourn her loss.

Before marriage she was Miss Ida J. Dorman, and was born at Zion thirty-four years ago. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and an earnest worker in the Lord's vineyard. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon, a brief service being held at the house at one o'clock prior to leaving for Mt. Bethel church, near Cedar Springs, where Reverend Joseph Lyons Ewing, pastor of the Jersey Shore Presbyterian church, conducted the services. Interment was made at Cedar Hill.

Fire at Fromm's Economy Store.

The Economy Store, conducted by Harris and Morris Fromm, at State College, was discovered on fire Wednesday night of last week at 9:30 o'clock. While the blaze did not reach a stage to do much damage to the building, nevertheless several thousand dollars worth of clothing and furnishings were ruined by smoke and water. The Fromms carried heavy insurance and their loss is fully covered.

Another Auction at Meigs.

Another auction sale will be held at the Meiss Store, Colyer, Saturday evening. The store was crowded with people last Saturday evening and many received good bargains. Many goods, however, were not disposed of and a second sale will be held on Saturday evening.

Liebel, the Erie county pretending Democrat, who opposed many of the leading Democratic nominees for office in his home county, is not the kind of man who should represent Pennsylvania Democrats on the National Committee. Up to a little more than ten years ago he was a howling Republican, and undoubtedly shifted to the Democratic fold to aid his old party. At least his democracy has been questioned from the very beginning.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Kill that dirty nasty fly. Miss Flossie Houston, of Newport, was the guest of her uncle, F. P. Geary, and family, for a few days last week.

Miss Nina Slick has again resumed her work as a typist on the Reporter after an enforced idleness of several weeks.

Mrs. Jacob Sharer entertained a number of ladies at her home, east of Centre Hall, at a sewing party, Thursday evening.

This (Thursday) evening the Boalsburg High school will hold commencement exercises in the Reformed church. A class of nine will graduate.

F. P. Geary and sister, Mrs. N. A. Auman of Millheim, attended the funeral of their brother, Maurice Geary, at Yeagertown, Friday afternoon.

Two cents for your daily paper may not be far distant. The increase was favored by the State Editorial Association at its meeting in Philadelphia last week.

C. K. Stitzer, merchant at Pleasant Gap, made a run over the mountains Saturday morning and placed the copy for the May number of "Stitzer's Store News," a live four-page paper containing much local and store news.

A new advertisement in this issue is that of the Centre Hall Pharmacy which within the past few weeks has undergone such extensive improvement as not to be recognized as the old stand. Read the ad. and then visit the store.

Fire of unknown origin completely gutted two of the lower floors of the Decker House, the old-time hotel in Millinburg, early Friday morning. The hotel has since been occupied by but few persons since license was refused several years ago.

Col. J. L. Spangler was in town one day last week and among other things arranged for was the wiring for electric lights in his mother's home. Mrs. Spangler is well advanced in years and this will be another comfort added through the goodness of her son.

Mrs. John Frazier is taking care of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Meyer, who has been seriously ill for the past few weeks. Mrs. Frazier expects to leave for Reading after an improvement takes place in her daughter's health, and will spend the summer with a brother.

A meeting of the board of road and bridge viewers will be held in the grand jury room at the court house on Monday, May 15th, to take testimony on a petition for a public road in Gregg township, from the Brush valley road near the Logan school house to a point on the road near the Penn's Cave House.

A meeting will be held at State College Friday and Saturday of this week to organize the principals and school teachers of Central Pennsylvania into a permanent organization. The preliminaries are in charge of a committee on which are Prof. H. F. Whiting, of Bellefonte, and Hon. C. L. Gramley, of Rebersburg.

Forty-three poles to carry electric wires over Grange park are being placed in the ground this week. Edward Brown, the Bell telephone man, has the contract for doing the work. With tents, building, and amusement places lighted with the electric bulbs during Grange fair week in September we can look for a veritable Coney Island at night.

J. W. Wolf, of Ardmore, a representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, ranks high enough in his line of business to be among several hundred representatives from all sections of the country who were entertained by the company for a week at the Blitmore Hotel, New York. The leading representatives of the company were called together to become better acquainted with the better methods of securing business and come in closer touch with the heads of the great company whose home office is in New York City.

Colyer boasts of a trout fisherman, thirteen years of age, who is an adept with the rod and line, and just to show his daddy that he doesn't let the big ones get away, brought home on Friday a thirteen-inch trout. The lad is Irvin Meiss, son of Merchant G. R. Meiss. A good trout stream passes by the Meiss store and on the day mentioned the youthful disciple of Isaak Walton made a cast and was rewarded with a strike that bent his pole double. From a store window the parent saw the youth play the game with all the dexterity of a real fisherman, finally bringing his prize on land.