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NILES NOT FOR PINCHOT.

Sees No Possible Chance for Reform Within Ranks of the Majority Party.

The Republican party in Pennsylvania has degenerated into an organization for systematic political corruption and reform from within is impossible. That is one of the reasons given by Henry C. Niles, of New York, for his refusal to support the gubernatorial candidacy of Forestry Commissioner Pinchot.

Another reason is the candidacy of John A. McSparran, as the Democratic standard-bearer. Mr. Niles, a prominent lawyer, who for years has been active in independent political movements, presented his views of the situation in the State in a letter to William Draper Lewis, who is interested in the Pinchot campaign. The letter was a reply to one from Lewis, in which he asked Mr. Niles to support Pinchot.

"I thoroughly sympathize with your brave battle for decent politics," wrote Mr. Niles. "But in my view reform of the Republican party from within is impossible. The nomination of such a man as Mr. Pinchot would only be a palliative. He would be the candidate of the Republican party, which, as now controlled in Pennsylvania, has degenerated into nothing but an organization for systematic political corruption. If elected, whatever improvement his personal integrity might effect would be capitalized by the gangsters for the party credit to furnish them continued opportunity for further spoil."

"The election of John A. McSparran, the Democratic candidate, by the votes of the independents and progressives, would do more for genuine, and thorough reform than would be possible through any Governor elected as a Republican. There is nothing good which would be accomplished by Mr. Pinchot which would not be done more certainly and more effectively by Governor McSparran.

"It will be my regret if we cannot at this time agree as to the best method. Nevertheless, I am always encouraged to feel that we are of one purpose, and that we do agree that conscience and public duty should impel all honorable citizens to fight the political villainies which are Pennsylvania's disgrace, in the most practical way.

"If you cannot join with me in the effort to overthrow the whole Republican machine by the election of the excellent Democratic candidate, you will be doing the next best thing by forcing the nomination of Mr. Pinchot, whose character as compared with the other Republican candidates is as Hyperion to Satyr."

Now and Then.

In the Presidential campaign a woman spellbinder for the Republicans discovered that if the treaty of Versailles were ratified the international white slave traffic would be legalized. She was very quickly refuted, but the Republicans circulated her speech extensively, and after the election expressed their gratitude to her in a substantial testimonial. And now this Republican Administration tell the League of Nations that it is unable to sign the white slave convention drawn up by the last Assembly of the League because it conflicts with the police regulations of certain States.

"So Mackey and Beldeman join Snyder in the waste basket. Good riddance to them all! That little \$5000 check did a world of good in eliminating two particularly objectionable candidates. Perhaps officials at Harrisburg will be a little more careful hereafter about the way in which they scatter the State's money among the "good fellows" on Capitol Hill.

DEMOCRATS MUST WALK.

Administration Making A Shakeup In Departments at Washington.

The administration's shake-up of governmental departments, already severe enough to bring on a sharp partisan conflict in Congress, has only scratched the surface of what the administration intends to do to the huge Washington machine.

Republican leaders said frankly a few days ago the scythe is today swinging through the Internal Revenue Bureau and the Customs Service and soon is due in the prohibition unit, all under the Treasury department.

The efficiency engineer is Elmer Dover, former employe of the Republican national committee, and now assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

"We are going to Hardingize the government, if you like," Dover informed newspapermen at the White House. "Conditions in some of the departments are appalling and we are going to clean house," he said.

Stole Plow from Field.

An unusual theft was committed a few days ago on the farm of Robert Glasgow, west of Old Fort. Mr. Glasgow had started his spring plowing and when he quit, like hundreds of other farmers, simply pulled his plow from the furrow and turned it over for the night. When morning came the plow was missing. Tracks plainly visible show the plow was dragged over the fence and loaded onto a truck. The double tree had been detached, but the next night it also disappeared.

Team of Horses Killed.

A team of horses owned by Robert Allison, a Nittany Valley farmer, was frightened by a Bald Eagle Valley freight train while standing at the Mill Hall station Friday morning and dashed around the station, running into the freight. One horse was instantly killed and the other had to be shot. The train was traveling forty miles an hour.

Wholesale Theft of Lumber.

Thieves whose identity has not been learned motored to the front entrance of the lumber yard of the J. M. Yeager Milling Company, near Lewistown, Sunday night, and after selecting finished lumber, enough to build an ordinary dwelling house, including windows, doors, etc., carried it away on three motor trucks as indicated by the tire marks in the soft earth. It was by far the boldest robbery pulled off in that section in years.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Huyett attended the funeral of the latter's brother, George F. Knorr, at Wernersville, on Monday.

The Episcopal marriage ceremony is to be changed by striking out the "promise to obey" by the bride, while the groom will no longer be asked to pledge, "with all my worldly goods I thee endow."

Messrs. Edward C. Zerby, Elias C. Zerby, and W. M. Grove, all of Gregg township, made a trip to Bellefonte on Saturday relative to the closing up of the estate of the late William Zerby, father of the first two named. Letters testamentary on the estate were caused to be published in this issue of the Reporter by the administrator.

The public sale of new farming implements held on Saturday afternoon by Bradford & Company was well attended and many farmers came to buy. Every implement offered was actually sold and every implement put on display for sale was put up and sold, and in addition a few others were sold. The prices realized were very fair. The sale is conceded as having been a success.

A band of Gypsies passed through town on Saturday, resting first for a while to the front of the F. M. Fisher home, and used the lawn as a recreation place for the children. Children—dirty, dirty youngsters they were. They had the appearance of having had their last bath when they were born, if then. The band traveled in two Hudson Super-Sixes and a Buick, all in good shape.

Roy Shaeffer moved from the J. C. Goodhart farm, at Centre Hill, to Old Fort to the J. C. Kuhn property purchased by him. He will remodel the house, Mr. Shaeffer purchased a house from Frank Royer, located near the Spruce town church, which will be torn down and the lumber used in improving his Old Fort home. He will give his entire time not taken up in rebuilding his home, to huckstering to the Lewistown district.

The junior class of the Lock Haven Normal School on Friday evening before the largest audience that has witnessed a normal school production in twenty years gave the annual junior play, "Alice in Wonderland" was the choice this year. Centre county was represented in the cast by Miss Ida Rearick, of Spring Mills, whose playing of the erratic March Hare was one of the big hits of the evening. Miss Verna Shank, of Orviston, was one of the fairies in the ballet. Lumber.

A few weeks ago the Reporter warned motorists to run slow through Mill Creek and this is to say that they had better continue doing so. During eight days previous to April 6th, the Mill Creek burgess sent out seventy-five notices of violations of the speed law. In each instance the burgess hopes to collect \$2.50. Ike Berney, of Lewistown, a Hebrew merchant, was one of the many who exceeded Mill Creek's order of speed. He called on the burgess, but refused to pay his fine, declaring his intention of carrying his case before Judge Bailey, in Huntingdon.

JURY SUSTAINED BY COURT.

Hunter Found Guilty of Killing Hunter Refused New Trial.

Judge Harvey W. Whitehead, in the Lycoming county court, has prepared an opinion in the case of George W. Sweeley, of Nisbet, who was found guilty by a jury in a session of criminal court of shooting and killing Charles W. Carroll, also of Nisbet, in mistake for game. The court in his opinion overrules the motion for arrest of judgment and refuses the motion for a new trial.

The court in his opinion states as follows:

"It is well known that in this state during the hunting season many people were shot and killed by persons mistaking a human being for a wild animal. Popular comprehension realizing the danger to people going into the woods, and to the end that this danger might be minimized to the greatest extent, this act was passed. If, as argued by counsel for the commonwealth, it would be necessary to prove negligence on the part of the defendant we would be in exactly the same condition we were prior to the passage of this act, and although the act would be declared constitutional it would give no better protection than was had before its passage. This being a penal act passed in support of the police power of the state, neither intention nor negligence enter into the question. After careful examination of the title to, and provisions of this act, we are satisfied that it clearly meets the requirements of the constitution and is constitutional."

Borough School Report.

Report of the High school for the month of March: Percentage of attendance, girls 91.5, boys 93, average 92. Those present every day during the month—Ruth Bingham, Agnes Geary, Zella Ripka, Florence Zettle, Mary Bingham, Ethel Frank, Sarah Snyder, Vianna Zettle, George Reiber, Daniel Daup, Myles Snyder, Paul Fetterolf, Philip Musser, Edgar Jodon, Curtis Reiber, Paul Smith, Stanley Brooks, Newton Crawford, Harold Durst, Albert Emery, William Foust, James Royer. Visitors—Milford Pletcher, assistant superintendent; Russell B. Copenhaver, Mr. Poor—N. L. Ruzge, principal; Isabel Rowe, assistant principal.

Grammar school.—Per cent. of attendance, male 98, female 94. Pupils present every day during month: Russel Colyer, Eugene Colyer, Robert McClenahan, Bruce Knarr, Clifford Meyer, Harold Bradford, Paul Martz, Frank Rine, Bud Coldron, Philip McClenahan, Bruce Smith, George Riter, James Lutz, John Riter, Sara Runkle, Dorothy Emerick, Bertha Sharer, Ethel McClenahan, Sara Brungart, Margaret Rudy, Kathryn Smith, Margaret Delaney, Frances Weaver, Maud Rees, Mary Reiber, Helen Odenkirk, Margaret McClenahan, Helen Meyer. The following were present every day during term: Dorothy Emerick, Bertha Sharer, Frances Weaver, Maud Rees, Frank Rine, Philip McClenahan, John Riter, James Lutz. The following pupils made 100 per cent in their monthly tests: Arithmetic—Emma Bible; spelling—Genevieve Ruble, Russel Colyer.—Thos. L. Moore, teacher.

Foremen Met With Supervisor.

Supervisor C. E. Zortman, of the P. R. R., had a meeting of his track foremen, from the Berwick and Bellefonte Branches, at his office in the station at Lewisburg. The foremen in attendance were: A. S. Krebs, Lewisburg; J. D. Mark, Millmont; Calvin Osman, Glen Iron; T. J. Kaler, Coburn; L. I. Hartley, Centre Hall; C. J. Webb, Lemont; O. J. Herdwig, Turbotville; B. S. Elckinger, Strawberry Ridge; T. C. Smith, Jerseytown; W. L. Webb, Eyresgrove; C. J. Springer, Light Street, and W. C. Ouman, Berwick.

Drawing Lines on Dry Violators.

By a vote of more than 3 to 1, the house passed and sent to the senate a bill authorizing the deportation of aliens convicted in state or federal courts on charges of having violated the narcotic and Volstead acts.

Described by prohibition advocates as a step toward better law enforcement, and characterized by Representative Graham, Pennsylvania, ranking Republican on the judiciary committee, as a "monstrous piece of legislation," the bill, as presented by the immigration committee, stood up against all attacks.

A motion to recommend so that the provision relating to conviction in state courts might be eliminated was defeated and the measure was put through as framed, 222 to 73.

Trout fishing opens on Saturday, 15th inst. But, don't forget, you must have a license hereafter to deceive the speckled beauties to snap in a fly with a hook concealed.

THE DEATH RECORD.

HARPSTER—A letter from Mrs. C. A. Shinn, of Freeport, Illinois, to Miss Laura Runkle, in Centre Hall, gives a brief account of the death of the former's sister, Mrs. Anna Harpster, widow of William W. Harpster, well known in Centre Hall, where she spent several summers prior to Mr. Harpster's death. She died at her Freeport home March 23rd. She had been in delicate health for a year or more, suffering from cancer of the bladder, but the direct cause of her death was uremic poisoning. Mrs. Harpster was the mother of a daughter who grew to womanhood and was married, but died a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harpster had many close friends in and about Centre Hall, the boyhood home of the former, who will greatly regret to read these paragraphs.

KNORR—George F. Knorr, youngest brother of Mrs. E. M. Huyett, of Centre Hall, was found dead in his office chair at Wernersville, Wednesday of last week. He was a banker and coal dealer at Wernersville, and on a number of occasions visited the Huyett home in this place. He was aged 65 years.

VALENTINE—Harry C. Valentine, a life-long resident of Bellefonte, passed away very quickly Thursday morning of last week, shortly after nine o'clock. About half an hour before he left his residence on Curtin street, Bellefonte, for the Court house where he occupied the position as assistant clerk to the County Commissioners. After arriving he went into the vault and was in the act of taking off his overcoat when he fell to the floor and died almost instantly.

"The deceased was a son of Abram Valentine and was born in Bellefonte about 74 years ago. His early life was connected with the iron industry of this county. He had charge of the Bellefonte Iron Mill which was located on the glassworks meadow. The plant was afterwards moved to Williamsport where he spent several years and then returned to Bellefonte. Later he had charge of the ore industry at Scotia and remained there until the plant was dismantled. He served one term as postmaster of Bellefonte. He was married to Miss Sara Burnside, daughter of the late Thomas Burnside, who survives him with the following children: Stanley and Miss Helen Valentine, of Bellefonte; also one sister, Miss Mary Valentine, of Bellefonte.

LUCAS—After a lingering illness, Edward M. Lucas, one of the venerable residents of the Bald Eagle valley, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. M. Miles, in Union township.

Edward Miles Lucas was born in Milesburg, November 23rd, 1834. He leaves to survive him the following children, namely: Mrs. Howard M. Miles, of Fleming; and Mrs. W. A. Malone, of Harrisburg; also the following brothers and sisters: George W. of Phillipsburg; O. C. Lucas, a Soldier's and Sailors' Home at Sandusky, O.; Mrs. William Witmer, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Wm. Peters, of Milesburg.

When two years of age the deceased moved with his parents, to Union township, but lived most of his life in Unionville. On October 4th, 1859, he was happily married to Margery T. Reynolds. They shared each other's joys and sorrows for more than 60 years, leading unswerving lives, respected and highly esteemed by all who knew them.

MEESE—George Meese, a life-long resident of Bellefonte and vicinity, died at the home on Pine street, where he resided with his brother and sister, John and Miss Fennie Meese. Death was due to complications. He suffered a stroke some years ago and since then had been an invalid, though he was able to get about to some extent by using crutches. Recently he contracted grippe and complications developed. He was a son of John and Anna B. Meese, and was about forty years of age. He is survived by the following brothers and sisters: John, Scott, Miss Fennie, Mrs. Fannie Martin and Mrs. Elmer Sager, all of Bellefonte. Burial was made in the Methodist cemetery at Pleasant Gap.

HACKENBERG—Mrs. Annie Margaret Hackenberg, wife of Frank Hackenberg, died at her home at Coburn, following a long illness, aged 64 years, 18 days.

Mrs. Hackenberg was a daughter of the late Charles Grimes, and is survived by her husband and one sister, Mrs. Sarah C. Snavely, of Millburg.

(Other deaths on inside page)

Tanlac can bring health to you as it has to thousands of others.—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

High School Commencements.

Aaronsburg, May 3rd.
Snow Shoe, May 4th.
Millheim, May 5th.
Dr. George P. Bible will be the commencement orator at the three places.

Over Million From Gas Tax.

The state received \$1,057,767 from gasoline taxes during the first six months of enforcement of the law, according to figures made public from the auditor general's office. Half of the sum will go to the counties.

Harter—Jodon.

Paul W. Harter and Miss Helen M. Jodon, both of Bellefonte, were united in marriage by the Rev. M. C. Piper, at his residence, in Milesburg.

The bride is the amiable daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Jodon, of Centre Hall, and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harter, of Bellefonte. Their many friends wish them joy and success through life.

Wagner—Brackbill.

The marriage of Miss Louise Brackbill, daughter of W. R. Brackbill, of Bellefonte, and Ned Wagner, of Watsonstown, was consummated at the Brackbill home. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. David R. Evans, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The groom is one of the proprietors of the Watsonstown Door & Sash company, and is a business man of experience. The couple will live at Watsonstown.

Pepper to Visit State College.

United States Senator George Wharton Pepper has accepted an invitation to visit Pennsylvania State College on May 11, according to an announcement by President John M. Thomas. The residents of State College, the Chamber of Commerce and the college officials will join in an elaborate reception for Senator Pepper upon his first visit to that place.

College Foresters in Camp.

The eleven seniors in the forestry course at the Pennsylvania State College have left for a two months' camping trip in the National Bridge Forest, near Buena Vista, Virginia. They will undertake a practical study of forest conditions and make working plans for a large stand of virgin timber. This is the method adopted by the college for polishing off the forestry students so that when they return for their degrees in June they will be fully qualified for all phases of forestry work. Two faculty members accompanied the campers.

"Siamese Twins" Inseparable.

The "Siamese twins," Josefa and Rosa Blazek, who died a short time ago after two weeks' illness in a hospital in Chicago, were joined at the spine and severing them would have been fatal. X-ray photographs taken after their death are said to show. The pictures, it was declared, show a continuous U-shaped spine, and also many vital organs in common. The deaths were due to intestinal obstruction, according to George W. Brady, radiographer, who made the pictures.

Curtin Block Sold.

What is known in Bellefonte as the Constance Curtin block, covering the north-east section of the diamond, was recently sold to J. O. Heverly, the automobile supply dealer, the consideration being something like \$25,000. The block was owned by Mr. Curtin and his heirs for more than a hundred years, the stone portion having been built more than a hundred years ago. The block is now tenanted on Allegheny street by the Gazette office, Mr. Heverly, and the Schad plumbing shop, and on High street by Dale brothers and J. Kennedy Johnston, attorneys. The large trees standing to the front of the block on Allegheny street were brought to Bellefonte as mere slips by Mrs. Curtin from her Connecticut home, when the structure was erected.

Motorist Taken Into Custody.

H. K. Resides, a well known resident of State College, was taken into custody by Dave Hughes, state policeman, and charged with violating the state auto law inasmuch as he was operating a Hudson automobile not registered in the state highway department, using license plates issued for his Reo automobile. He waived a hearing before Justice J. M. Keichline, at Bellefonte, to appear at the May term of court. It is understood that Mr. Resides admits getting license for a Reo car and was using them on both a Reo and a Hudson, thus avoiding payment of license fees on the Hudson.

J. O. Stover, of Reedsville, was in Centre Hall for a few days last week. He is selling brushes and has a splendid line suitable for household use.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Most of the Potter township schools close this week.

Millheim will have a summer chaletauqua. No date has yet been fixed.

Rev. D. W. Dubendorf, who served a pastorate in the Colyer district during the past few years, has been transferred to Sunbury.

A. J. Livingston, living near Ashland City, Tennessee, says: "I feel like going from house to house and telling the people about Tanlac."—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

J. Harlan Prantz, of Waynesboro, for two days last week was a guest of J. H. Detwiler. The Franklin county man is a Guernsey breeder and came to Centre county to look up some well bred stock.

G. Oscar Gray's name will appear on the Democratic primary ballot for the office of county chairman and state committeeman from Centre county. There will be no other candidate's name appear for these offices.

In one day last week eight distinct flocks of wild geese flew north over Centre Hall. Six flocks passed over during daylight and two after dark. The flocks seen were mostly quite large and those heard at night made enough noise to make you believe there were many of them.

J. R. Brungart, of Rebersburg, recently had a marker placed on the grave of Dr. J. Henry Ziegler who died in 1874, and also a slab in memory of his two great grandfathers, Martin Brungart and Jacob Kahl, the latter a Revolutionary soldier. All are buried in the Lutheran-Reformed cemetery at Rebersburg.

Harry W. Potter, who has been in Washington state for a number of years, engaged in lumbering, has been made manager of the Big Horn County Oil Co. at Manderson, Wyoming, and is now located there. He is a son of J. T. Potter, of Centre Hall, and enjoys the friendship of many people in this place, who are pleased to know of his success.

Announcement was made last week by Mrs. Samuel High, of 1865 West Ontario Street, Philadelphia, of her engagement to Rev. Dr. George E. Hawes, of Harrisburg, formerly of Bellefonte. Dr. Hawes is 58 years old. When Mrs. High was asked by a Philadelphia reporter how old she was she replied, "Our ages are suitable." It is said the wedding will take place in June.

You can fish without a license in a stream that passes through or along your land, provided you live on the land. If the owner of the land lives elsewhere than on the land through which the stream passes, he has no rights because of ownership, nor does he tenant inherit the right to fish without a license. The owner's family enjoys the same rights as the owner.

Just a few weeks ago the Reporter mentioned that William G. Hoffer, Democrat, was reappointed postmaster at Willshire, Ohio, and now the same metal tells a business misfortune. Mr. Hoffer, formerly of Potter township, is publisher of the Willshire Herald, which newspaper plant was almost entirely destroyed by fire. Having saved a few type he was able to publish on schedule time an eight by ten four-page paper to tell of the destruction of the fire.

Last week mention was made of several farmers having purchased tractors in this section and this week two more Fordsons found their way into this community. One of the purchasers was John A. Heckman, one of Potter township's most successful farmers, and the other was Prof. W. O. Heckman, who is just beginning to farm the place purchased by him south of Centre Hall. The tractor each year is playing a more important part on the ordinary sized farm.

Monday afternoon M. E. Stover finished a job of wood sawing with his power outfit at the home of Mrs. Samuel Ard, at Coburn, and while driving out of the alley the front axle of the truck upon which the gasoline engine is mounted, broke, states the Millheim Journal. Mr. Stover attempted to hold the truck from upsetting when the wheel fell over and the axle dropped on Mr. Stover's left foot. Upon examination by his family physician it was discovered that the foot was very badly bruised, but no bones broken.