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## KEEP THE COURTS FREE FROM MACHINE TAINTED POLITICS.

(From The Democratic Watchman)

It is not necessary for a man to be a great lawyer in order to be a good Judge. The history of the Judiciary of Pennsylvania will reveal that a large majority of the Judges of the courts of the State have not been what the profession would call great lawyers before their elevation to the bench. In fact records can be produced to show cases where very poor lawyers have made very good Judges. Men who possess both legal and judicial minds are not at all common in the profession, because the two are by no means alike.

We make these statements without thought of estimating the legal ability of either Mr. Walker or Mr. Fleming or measuring them by comparison. We do it for the reason that no matter what their respective attainments in the law might be, one of them is going to be the next Judge of the Courts of Centre county. Both have every qualification rather than legal lawyers, more from choice, no doubt, than lack of opportunity. Granted that they are men of like ability in their profession—and we think we do neither of them injustice in such an assumption—Mr. Walker has the advantage of sixteen years' more experience in the law than Mr. Fleming and very much more actual court practice than he has had.

There are other qualifications, however, that are essential to the position and to discuss them dispassionately is the purpose of this article.

Along with a sound, working knowledge of the law a Judge should have common sense, be honest, courteous, open-minded, human, have a will to work and, above all, be free from business and political alliances that might lead to the slightest partiality in the administration of justice. Remember, that the courts are set up to give justice to all. Not specially to the favorites and friends of the person who presides over them.

We think Mr. Walker has every one of the qualifications we have specified above. We don't think, we know, that he has two of them in very extraordinary degree.

With him work is an obsession. He is and always has been a "do it now" lawyer and "manana," which is Spanish for the person who puts things off until tomorrow, is not in his professional vocabulary. We allude to this trait because if he were on the Bench it would mean thousands of dollars to the tax payers of the county in reduced court expenses brought about by his will to get through with things as speedily as possible. And think of the satisfaction to litigants there would be in having their cases speedily dispatched. As a Judge Mr. Walker would probably be harder on his fellow lawyers than on any other class for he would not tolerate dilatory tactics nor needless delay.

The other outstanding qualification we believe him to have is absolute freedom from an business or political connections that might prove embarrassing or serve to sway him toward partiality. In this campaign he stands where he stood in his contest for the office two years ago. He is beholden to no political faction, no boss, nor is allied with a machine that is reaching out into the inland counties of the State to throttle them.

Mr. Walker's desire to be the Judge of our courts is solely his own ambition to honorably serve you, just as he has done in many ways when the opportunity presented.

It is a very dangerous thing to make the exalted office of Judge the pawn of political manipulators, yet only a month ago you saw it being done right here in Centre county. You know as well as we do, for you heard it on all sides, that the fight for the Republican nomination was not nearly so much a contest between Judge Furst and Mr. Fleming as it was a fight to the finish between Senator Scott, and his Bellefonte and Vore backing, and Secretary Dorworth and his State administration backing, as to which faction would stuff the Republican party in Centre county into its vestpocket and deliver it to the highest bidder.

Think of such cold-blooded, selfish handying with a position whose occupant sits in judgment of every phase of your life—aye, even life itself.

We haven't a word to say against Mr. Fleming, either personally or professionally. We have known him since he was a child and we take second place to nobody in admiration of the position in life which he has achieved.

In this contest, however, he represents something that his friends will not be disloyal if they decline to follow him in. No matter how honorable he may be that very sense of honor would either boldly or subconsciously recognize its debt to the machine that made him Judge and, paying it, might mean injustice to others.

No, there ought to be no machine-made cog in the gears that grind out Justice in Centre county.

Everybody owes a debt of gratitude to our ex-service men, and if big, handsome six-foot Harry Dunlap, with a smile and a card, asks you for your support on election day, don't say: "That is not my politics." When we sent our boys over to France to be maimed and killed, we had no thought of politics. Class, politics and religion were forgotten in a united effort to show our appreciation. We were loud in their praise and vowed to reward them in every possible way upon their return. Let's not forget. Let's be true to our word.

A total of 471 Penn State students have fathers who are actually engaged in farming.

The PINK LABEL this week. Does yours show a 27 or 28? If not, you are in arrears, and a remittance will be appreciated.

## DEATHS

**HARSHBARGER.**—Frank Harshbarger died at his home in Altoona on Thursday forenoon after a brief illness. Interment was made in Sprucecove cemetery, near his former home, on Sunday afternoon.

The deceased was a son of Calvin Harshbarger and was reared in Potter township. He had been in delicate health for a number of years, a severe attack of fever leaving a trail. A few years ago he went to Altoona where his brothers purchased a gas station for him on Eighth Avenue, near 16th Street, and later automobile accessories were added. He was doing a fine business and about a year ago married an Altoona lady.

There survive him his wife and father and these brothers and sisters: Maxwell, Harry, Edward, William, Mrs. Elsie Garis, Mrs. Mary McCool, all of Altoona, and Bessie, wife of Grover C. Weaver, of Centre Hall.

The age of the deceased was about 32 years.

**LONG.**—Mrs. Amelia Long died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Phylve Dornblazer, at Penndel, near Philadelphia. Interment was made at Phillipsburg.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Amelia Parsons, was a daughter of David and Mary Parsons, of near Unionville, Bald Eagle Valley. She was a direct descendant of Thomas Parsons, the first white man to settle in Bald Eagle Valley, and she was born July 23, 1851, on the ground granted to her ancestor by William Penn, and still occupied by the Parsons family.

Her husband, John B. Long, died at Phillipsburg in 1917. Besides the daughter, Mrs. Dornblazer, Mrs. Long is survived by one sister, Margaret, wife of David E. Dunlap, of Columbus, Ohio, and one brother, Jonathan, of State College.

**MUSSER.**—Miss Chestie Ann Musser died at her home in Millheim following a stroke of paralysis suffered early the morning previous to her death. She was found in an unconscious condition and remained in that state until death claimed her.

Deceased was a daughter of Samuel and Lydia Musser and was born near Penn Hall October 5, 1849, making her age at death 78 years and 1 day.

Surviving are three sisters and one brother: Samuel Musser, who resides at the homestead, near Penn Hall; and Mollie, Minnie and Kathryn, all of Millheim.

Funeral services were held in the Millheim Lutheran church, Rev. Louis V. Lesher officiating.

**MCCLELLAN.**—Charles E. McClellan, for thirty-six years a well-known tailor in Bellefonte, following his trade in the same location during that period of time, died at his home on West Curtin street, aged 67 years, 5 months and 1 day. Mr. McClellan became ill about two weeks prior to his death with a severe cold and complications which caused his death. He was born in Bellefonte and was a son of William and Elizabeth McClellan. On April 25, 1851, he was united in marriage to Miss Haupt, who survives with a family of ten children: Lester, D. of Patton; Clarence A. of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mrs. G. H. James, of Tyrone; Walter J., of Reedsville; Harry A. of Pittsburgh; Charles B., of Bellefonte; Mrs. Samuel Roberts, Nell, Robert and George, all at home.

If the voters on the south side of Centre county perform the duty of every good citizen by going to the polls on November 8th as cheerful as Harry Dunlap answered the call for overseas duty during the World War, they will be showing at least a slight appreciation for what he did for them. If they vote for him for the office of sheriff they will further repay for the valiant service rendered by this young man when it was most needed. Mr. Dunlap will not be a chronic office seeker. This is his first effort in the political field. His opponent, Mr. Dukeman, filled one term in the sheriff's office and now is asking a second, seeking preferment over one who did not hesitate to risk his all for the good of all.

In last week's issue of the Reporter was reprinted an editorial of some length from the Democratic Watchman. It is desired to impress voters on the south side of Centre county what will happen should Senator Scott secure a firm political hold on Centre county, which will be accomplished provided he is able to put his candidate for the judgeship on the bench. In the event of Scott's success he will be the big boss in Centre county and will adopt the tactics used in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

## To Name Highway After Penna's Only President.

Thanks to the repeated and prolonged efforts of A. Nevin Detrich, Secretary of Personnel in the Fisher Cabinet, says the Harrisburg Telegraph, the name of the only President of the United States Pennsylvania ever had will be memorialized in a highway to be known as the Buchanan Trail.

The Buchanan Trail will run from a mile west of Emmitsburg, Md., to Waynesboro, to Greencastle, to McConnellsburg, and then north through the Blacklog district to Mt. Union. From there it will traverse the William Penn route to Huntingdon and thence on a projected road to McAlister's Fort and State College via upper Penna Valley and the Horseshoe Trail.

We presume the route referred to in the one numbered 44, which not only reaches from Maryland to State College, but crosses the entire State, lapsing the Horseshoe Trail from Pine Grove Mills to Jersey Shore, thence in a northerly direction to Coudersport and the New York State line.

## AUTO AND TRAIN COL- LIDE AT HOWARD

Two Killed Instantly and Third Died In Centre County Hospital—Two Went Howard School Boys, One But 13 Years Old.

Three young men of Howard are dead as the result of an accident Friday afternoon at 4:38, when the coupe, owned and driven by Cecil Smith, aged 26, was struck by the west-bound passenger train of the Bald Eagle branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, at a crossing a half mile east of Howard. Every bone in his body appeared to have been crushed, and he also sustained cuts about the head and arms.

Paul Diehl, aged 13, a grammar school pupil, who was also instantly killed, was carried about fifty feet, and suffered an injury to the back of his head. It is possible that he was injured in the automobile. Both of his legs were broken. He, with his brother, Joseph Diehl, an employee of the State highway department, resided at the home of an aunt, Rena Diehl, at Howard. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Diehl, of Hartleton.

Dr. Heston, of Phillipsburg, corner of Centre county, viewed the bodies and interviewed several witnesses.

**District S. S. Institute.**  
The executive board of the eleventh district of the Centre County Sabbath School Association, T. M. Zuber, president, met on Monday evening at the F. V. Goodhart home. Arrangements were perfected to hold the fall institute for the district on Friday, November 11th, in the Lutheran church in Georges Valley. There will be two sessions, afternoon and evening, a box lunch following the first session.

Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, the district delegate to the State convention at New Castle, will give a full report of the convention at the sessions of the district institute announced above.

The board will hold its December meeting at the Lutheran parsonage, Mrs. S. P. Greenhoe, hostess. Mrs. Goodhart served delicious refreshments to the members of the board following the business session.

## The Picken Home Sold.

The Rev. W. R. Picken home, opposite the grade school house on West Church street, was sold on Saturday to H. G. Strohmeier, the tobacconist manufacturer, whose establishment is nearby. The price paid was \$3200, which is a few hundred dollars less than the value placed on it by those who estimated what the last bid would be. This home was built during 1912-13 by Samuel Shoop and was sold by him to Mr. Picken for \$2000.

It is possible that Mr. and Mrs. Strohmeier will occupy the home.

## Ground to Death Under Trolley.

Wednesday last week Mrs. J. W. Boettner, while crossing the trolley track near the Burns baseball field, was instantly killed when the front truck of the car passed over her body. She was about to go into Lewistown to shop when the accident occurred.

Mrs. Boettner was aged fifty-two years and was the wife of the caretaker of Kishacoquillas Park and lived in the only private house on the park. V. W. Crotzer, of Lewistown, motorman of the trolley, said she apparently misjudged the speed of the car.

Harry Dunlap, the Democratic candidate for sheriff, is an overseas veteran. Three days after the election the whole country will be praising the young men for their valiant service in France. Let us be consistent and on November 8th cast our votes for Mr. Dunlap so our praise on Armistice Day will not be a mockery.

The Fleming family has been well cared for. Fleming, the candidate for judge, held some kind of an office from the time he was admitted to the bar (and for a part of the time drew two salaries) until now. These offices required little of the attorney's time, but big money. The elder Fleming, the chairman of the Centre County Republican committee, who failed to resign his post when his son became a candidate, has held office for so long a time that no one seems to remember when he began. He has managed to retain his place regardless of what faction in the State was in power.

All this while he drew a good salary, and now he is pensioned by the State and not for military service, either. Of course, it is a long way off, but if Senator Scott succeeds in gathering Centre county under his hand at the coming election, he will be able to have Mr. Fleming elected the second time and placed on the pension list for life.

The splendid physique of Harry Dunlap is only one of the many qualities of the World War veteran who is filling the office of sheriff. He is as capable intellectually as physically for the office.

## GREGG TOWNSHIP VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OBSERVES ITS ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY

Health Program, Two Judging Contests, "The Neighbors," Spring Mills Band, Chicken Supper, Athletic Contests With Centre Hall High Are Some of the Features of the Day.

The Annual Community Day for Gregg township was held in Spring Mills last Friday, under the direction of the Gregg Township Vocational School. Weather conditions were not ideal for such an occasion, nevertheless all events on the program were well attended by the people of the local and surrounding communities.

The display of agricultural products among these schools, and the following points were taken into consideration by the judges: size of exhibit, enrollment of school, number of kinds exhibited and quality of exhibit. On this basis the first prize went to the Farmers Mills school whose teacher is Miss Alma Zerby. The second prize went to the Murray school, taught by Prof. E. Hazel, and the third prize went to Penn Hall school, taught by Miss Hester. These prizes were \$5, \$3, and \$1, respectively.

The number of poultry entries was large and of exceptionally high quality according to Prof. H. C. Kandel who judged the birds. A large variety of high-class products were also exhibited in sewing, canning and baking. A most interesting health program was conducted in the Grange Hall at 10 o'clock. The hall was packed by pupils from the rural and grade schools with their parents and friends. The various playlets, songs and recitations, all of which concerned some phase of health, were both entertaining and instructive to the audience. An interesting health talk was given at this meeting by Miss Christine Payne of the Home Economics Extension Staff of the Pennsylvania State College. This morning program was completed by the showing of five reels of moving pictures which delighted the children.

An extra period was necessary before the Spring Mills girls could defeat the Centre Hall girls' dodge ball team, and then they won by the small margin of one point. This was one of the exciting events of the morning, and was witnessed by a large crowd made up of rooters from both schools. The Spring Mills band played at various events throughout the day, and their music was appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The general meeting at 1:30 in the Grange hall was well attended. The band and girls' chorus furnished the music for this occasion. Prof. Fred Linsinger, Rural Economist of the Pa. State College, spoke on the general subject of taxation.

## Judging Contests.

Twenty men took part in the dairy cattle judging contest in the afternoon. A class of Guerneys and a class of Holsteins were placed. The contest was won C. G. St. Clair, who received five dollars in gold, donated by the First National Bank of Spring Mills. Second prize, \$20, was won by Mr. George Long, 100 lbs. Universal chicken feed, donated by A. M. Grove. (Mrs. Eungard and Mrs. Long were tied for second place). Fourth prize, Mrs. Foreman, subscription to poultry magazine, donated by H. M. Hoy.

Games and races were conducted for several hours after dinner and many students from the local schools and surrounding schools took part in these contests, which created interest and real competition.

A real soccer game was staged at the athletic field at 4 P. M. The Spring Mills team was successful in defeating the Centre Hall team by the score of 1 to 0. The local boys started with a rush and scored their only goal in the first few minutes of play. They however missed several other fine opportunities to score during the game. The Centre Hall team was forced to play a defensive game throughout the contest and never seriously threatened the Spring Mills goal while the fine work of the Centre Hall goal keeper kept the score low. The game was cleanly played and hard fought by both teams.

The chicken supper prepared and served by the Vocational girls under the direction of the Home Economics Department of the school, was excellent, and much favorable comment was received concerning the dinner.

In the evening the Grange hall was again filled to capacity. The main feature of this program was the one-act play, "The Neighbors," which was ably played by the following pupils from the Vocational School: Sarah Eungard, Ruth Swabb, Reed Walker.

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## \$36,000 More Looks Good to Wilkinson.

Roy Wilkinson is one of a few of the county, not excluding judges, who are candidates for a third term in Centre county. The office of prothonotary pays more than any other office in the county, not excluding judges. As prothonotary, Mr. Wilkinson has received as much as \$9000 per year, and for the eight years covering his two terms would bring him the handsome sum of \$72,000. If he gets another term of four years he will collect \$36,000 more, or a total of \$108,000. Fees collected in the prothonotary's office have increased about fifty per cent during the time Mr. Wilkinson has been holding the place down.

Governor Pinchot, when he was State Forester, resigned the office and was re-appointed the same day so he could globe the \$3000 per annum tacked on the salary of the office while he was the incumbent. Mr. Wilkinson has just naturally taken advantage of all the increases in fees during his incumbency, although it is claimed by some attorneys that he has no legal right to do so.

But getting back to the third term feature, Mr. Wilkinson has intimated that he is the only qualified man in his party to fill the position. And right here let it be said very emphatically that Claude Herr is abundantly able to become Mr. Wilkinson's successor, and he will not need to depend on him for his training.

The Scott-Fleming Republicans are reverting to the old method of enthusiastic followers by holding a series of meetings throughout the county, and have published a schedule. The speakers will likely dwell on how much salary their candidates for judge collected during the sixteen years he held one or two offices; how their candidate for prothonotary can get away with an "increase of emolument" during his terms; why Wilkinson should have a third term of an office that for two terms paid him in the neighborhood of \$9000 per annum; how to beat the State constitution prohibiting the election of a county commissioner to the office of county treasurer; how to avoid showing deference to a World War veteran by voting for Dukeman, and how Dukeman "cleaned up" the Penna Cave district; and lastly, the necessity of having a political boss in Centre county to hand-pick candidates.

Every Democratic local committee should adopt some plan suited to his particular district to get out the Democratic voters. After the several campaigns have closed their visitation campaigns, a personal appeal on the part of local committeemen will undoubtedly bring out many voters who heretofore have neglected this important duty. The fact that in every district local offices will be filled ought of itself be sufficient importance to awaken a desire to do what every citizen would insist was his right to do if an attempt was made to hinder him or her.

## Dodge and Nash Sales.

The Hagan Garage sales agency now sells the Dodge cars in State College and surroundings, and the salesman, E. M. Smith, announces the following recent sales of Nash and Dodge cars: C. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Nash sedan; Wm. McClenahan purchased the Goodhart Nash coach; John Gilliland, State College, Dodge-6 sedan; Joseph Shoemaker, State College, Dodge-4 sedan; Brown Hackett, Centre Hall, Dodge-4 sedan; W. A. Markie, Pleasant Gap, Dodge coach; A. H. Spayd, Centre Hall, Dodge deluxe sedan; Harry Burris, Centre Hall, Dodge-4 sedan.

## Calvin King Farm Sold.

The Calvin King farm, near Spring Mills, was sold recently to James S. Reish, of near Potters Mills. Mr. Reish will move onto the place about the first of April, and will use the eighty acres in the farm largely for pasture.

Mr. Reish, a few months ago, sold his farm where he now lives to Walter R. Hosterman, of Centre Hall.

## Boy Steals Turkey for Quarter; Farmer Under Ball.

Clarence VanPoll, a farmer residing near Mackeyville, was held in \$1000 bail following a hearing before Alderman Newton Bridgman, at Lock Haven and charged with larceny of a turkey hen and eggs.

Mrs. Florence Emert, a neighbor, made the information against the man, declaring that she had a turkey hen setting on some eggs in a field near her home, and that the bird disappeared. She later learned that it could be found in the cellar of the VanPoll home and so went to Alderman Bridgman and had a warrant sworn out. Detectives then went to the house and found the turkey hen in the cellar, recognizing the bird by markings which Mrs. Emert said it had on its tail.

Mr. VanPoll made a confession and said that he had bought the hen from a boy named True Yearick for the sum of a dollar. When the boy was put on the stand he said that VanPoll had approached him and requested him to steal the hen. The boy was offered a quarter to do the stealing and another man is said to have offered a certain amount for the eggs, so the boy also took the eggs but the man later refused to accept them.

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Ernest Auman, Irene Hering, Kathleen Siegal, Josephine Duck, and Irene Garrett, the Spring Mills band also entertained during this meeting, and the prizes were awarded.  
The day was a successful one from all standpoints, and was well supported by the community.  
[Due to limited space, the list of prize winners is being held over until next week.]

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The PINK LABEL this week.

Trespass notices may be had at the Reporter office at 5 cents each.

The W. S. Musser home in Millheim was sold by Mrs. Musser to Mrs. R. A. Harter, of Coburn, who will occupy it by the first of next month.

We render a complete vulcanizing and re-treading service; all work guaranteed.—Progress Manufacturing Co., Centre Hall. adv

The Penna Valley Hosiery Mill purchased the large building formerly used by implement dealers and will put it in condition for storage purposes. The structure is 40 x 80 feet.

Mrs. Jane Rhoads, of Millheim, suffered a paralytic stroke and is reported to be in a serious condition. She is the widow of the late John Rhoads, Civil War veteran.

John Zerby sold his property located back of the "Spruce," below Spring Mills, to a Lewisburg hunting club, and later purchased the Asher Conder home also located near the "Spruce."

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Decker and daughter, Miss Erie, are on a motor trip to California and will be gone for three months. Mr. Decker is a member of the Decker Chevrolet Company, Bellefonte.

The Homan Motor company reports the following new car sales during the past week: E. P. Meyers, Julian, Chevrolet coupe; Harry A. McClellan, Centre Hall, Chevrolet sedan; Jacob Royer, Centre Hall, Oldsmobile coach.

Three members of the State Highway Motor Patrol, all formerly stationed in Bellefonte or Pleasant Gap, recently resigned from the service for various reasons. They are: W. H. Smucker, Glenn A. Amend and George A. Kelley.

A Nash sedan was purchased through E. M. Smith, the local salesman for the Hagan Garage agency, by C. D. Bartholomew. The seven-passenger Chandler sedan used by the Bartholomews for several years, entered into the deal.

The potato crop prospect for October 1 was eleven points below September 1, throughout the State. This fall was due to the appearance of blight and subsequent rot. The yield is estimated at 103 bushels per acre against 112 bushels last year, and 112.6 for a five-year average.

Miss Sarah Zettie, of Spring Mills, has been taking the place of Miss Vera Rowe and Miss Carrabel Emerick on the switchboard in the Bell telephone exchange here during the vacation period of the operators. She is now working at Spring Mills.

It is generally reported that the Hall Herring farm, below Penn Hall, was sold to John Hosterman for the sum of \$8000. Of course, under the circumstances, the sale must be confirmed by the court, and it is said the confirmation will be opposed by representatives of Mr. Herring.

Mrs. C. D. Bartholomew and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, on Saturday morning went to Bellefonte where they were met by Mrs. E. L. Bartholomew and daughter, Miss Mary Helen, and together they went on by train to Williamsport. On Sunday the remainder of the C. D. Bartholomew family drove to that city by car and spent the day with Edith Moltz, a student in a business college there.

It appears that a large number of private parties owning tracts of land in mountains where deer are plentiful, intend posting the land, forbidding trespassing. This measure is being adopted to prevent the killing of deer by "experts" appointed to do so by the State Game Commission. It is claimed that these "experts" have no rights that will permit them to enter upon posted territory, regardless of the fact that they represent the Game Commission.

A spur for the electric light and power line was built to accommodate several farmers in the vicinity of the Hickman chapel, near Penn Hall. The spur is a mile in length and branches off at the home of Prof. W. F. Hosterman and serves Gross Shook at the extreme end of the line and Charles Henning and John Hosterman at intermediate points. The Shook farm has already installed on it electric motors to operate a water plant and perform other power service.

The borough of Port Matilda was greatly relieved in its school finances when the State Council of Education voted to donate \$8000 to it. The borough was obliged to erect a \$20,000 school building with resources of but \$14,000 under the law. The proposition was put up to Charles E. Dorworth, Secretary of Forests and Waters, who in turn interested State Superintendent Keith, the final result being that the council not only loaned the borough the money without interest, but actually donated it.

It was through a sheer accident that the barn on the Emanuel Ziegler farm, west of Madisonburg, was not destroyed by fire one evening last week. A corn shredder had been operated during the day, a tractor furnishing the power. The exhaust from the tractor was directed toward a small building next to the barn. When evening came all hands had left the place for supper except one, and he was about to leave a flickering light attracted his attention. Curiosity led the man to investigate and it was found that inflammable matter had been ignited, presumably from the exhaust. The little flame that would have kindled a great fire was easily extinguished. It was simply an accidental turn of the head before leaving his work that revealed the spark.