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## A. V. MILLER WILL CONTEST

He is Not Satisfied With the Result of the Election.

### HE MUST HAVE AN OFFICE.

A Petition Presented to Court, on Thursday Afternoon of Last Week—Allegations of Irregularities in Voting Precincts—A Desperate Card—Another Useless Expense for the Taxpayers.

Last Thursday afternoon, December 13th, a few moments before the adjournment of the regular term of court, Messrs E. R. Chambers, Esq., and A. O. Furst, Esq., presented a petition contesting the election of Wm. Cronister, as sheriff-elect of Centre county, who had a democratic majority of 16 over Mr. Miller.

The petition makes allegations of irregularities in many voting precincts. They allege that many ballots contained (x) in the circle at the head of the republican column and also a cross after Mr. Cronister's name and that for the office of sheriff such votes should not have been counted, but were credited to Mr. Cronister.

We do not possess the legal acumen to pass upon this circumstance. Common sense indicates that the voter did not intend to vote for Mr. Miller, and that Mr. Cronister was their choice. We hardly think any court will take a different view of the matter. For the intent of the voter should always be the test. In this case justice or fairness never inspired the men who are the prime movers, they never were suspected of those qualities, and we know what we have to meet. The precincts in which the results are contested, with the number of votes claimed to be illegal in each, are as follows:

Howard Boro., 30; Howard Twp., 15 or more; Liberty 10; Marion 12; Patton 25; Worth 40; Burnside 30; North Rush 15; South Rush 20; Phillipsburg 1st Ward 26; 2nd Ward 17; 3rd Ward 100; Benner 15; East Gregg 5; West Ward Bellefonte 5; North Boggs 15; West Boggs 20; East Boggs 5; West Ferguson 15; Unionville 10; Huston 20; General 50.

The facts set forth in the petition were sworn to by Robert V. Miller, W. T. Noll, W. Woodring, H. H. Osman, and W. H. Musser before justice John B. Linn, on November, 24th.

The court granted the petition and named Saturday, Jan. 2nd, as the day on which Mr. Cronister must make his answer, notice being necessarily served on him 20 days prior to that date.

The petition was signed by the following gentlemen:

Robert V. Miller, G. W. Reese, Simeon Haupt, Edward Eckenroth, D. M. Glenn, H. H. Osman, F. S. Dunham, John Bilger, L. E. Jodon, W. S. Williams, G. H. Kniesly, W. S. Triplett, Isaac Miller, W. Woodring, D. Rothrock, Charles Eckenroth, A. P. Lucas, J. Irvin Morris, John A. Daley, John T. Fowler, W. H. Musser, A. V. Hoyt, Geo. W. Smith, Geo. L. Potter, John L. Croft, W. T. Noll, Thomas, McCafferty, W. H. Stiver, William Knapp, Robert Valentine.

The certificate of election has been issued to Mr. Cronister, and he will serve until the contest is concluded and that may be very uncertain.

Messrs Chambers and Furst displayed a lack of good intentions by withholding their petition until the very last moment, before the adjournment of court. That is their privilege, but it shows their disposition.

On the other hand Mr. Cronister and his attorneys have not been asleep. When the time comes for the hearing they will be on hand to meet all allegations and follow with counter charges of fraud and illegal voting that will cause some uneasiness. It will result in the probable opening up of the vote in every precinct of the county.

The contest has been forced upon the democratic candidate and every honorable resource will be employed to maintain his rights. Contests are unpleasant and exceedingly expensive. The taxpayers will have an enormous expense thrust upon them, which may not fall below the \$5000 mark.

For this they can thank Mr. Miller and the pernicious activity of counsel and the petitioners.

### Wants News of Her Boy.

A poor mother in Tyrone, who about one year ago lost her husband, gave one of her children into the hands of the Blair County Aid society last June with the understanding that she was to hear from him and have the opportunity of visiting him. Since then she has not heard a word from him and she is overwhelmed with grief, not knowing where he is. His name is George Fry. He was put out with some party in Centre county, and if this catches the eye of any person knowing anything about the boy a letter addressed to Box 387, Tyrone, Pa., will reach the anxious mother.

### SURVEYOR OF THE PORT.

Friends of Lawrence L. Brown Hold a Meeting in His Interest.

A conference of the friends of Lawrence L. Brown, now of Cambria county, formerly of Bellefonte, was held at the Lafayette Hotel Saturday with a view to advancing his interests as a candidate for Surveyor of the Port of Philadelphia. Among those present were Assistant Adjutant General Wilbur F. Reeder, of Centre county; Colonel Henry H. Kuhn, of Cambria county; William P. Duncan, of Phillipsburg; James L. Mitchell, of Blair county; David E. Williams and T. H. Bechdel, of Philadelphia, besides several gentlemen from Huntingdon and Juniata counties, whose names were not given.

The gathering of these men in the central counties of the State, it was said, was merely to emphasize the fact that the candidacy of Mr. Brown was not a movement confined to one or two counties. Assistant Adjutant General Reeder said that it was proposed to make a stiff fight for the Surveyorship. There will likely be complications arising out of the manifold and conflicting interests of Philadelphia candidates, in which event Mr. Brown will stand an excellent chance.

"We do not propose to carry this fight through on that basis, though," said Colonel Reeder. "Mr. Brown will make the contest for the place on his past record in the party, and the fact that the office has been given in the past to candidates from outside the city. Mr. Brown is not handicapped by any partisan entanglements or alliances, and besides, he is the first avowed candidate for the position outside the large cities."

Lawrence L. Brown has been active in Pennsylvania politics for a dozen years. He is at present the chairman of the Republican County Committee of Cambria county which position he has occupied for two years. Prior to his removal to Cambria he was for six years chairman of the Centre county Republican Committee and the Centre member of the State Committee. He was offered the State chairmanship in 1890, prior to the Delamater campaign but business duties compelled him to decline the offer.

In the late vigorous fight in the Bedford-Cambria Congressional District he was Congressman Hicks' principal advisor, and it was largely due to his efforts that Hicks finally succeeded. He is a vigorous campaigner and is popular with members of both parties. Mr. Brown is about 40 years of age, a coal operator in business and a gentleman with wide political experience. The work of pushing his candidacy is, according to reports made Saturday, well under way in the central part of the State.

### Kinney—Longacre.

A quiet wedding occurred Thursday of last week at the home of Isaac Longacre. The happy pair were Miss Florence Longacre, of Bellefonte, and Mr. S. G. Kinney, of Newton, Kansas. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Wm. Laurie of the Presbyterian church. They took the 1.05 train for Chicago and Milwaukee where they will make a short visit, afterwards settling in Newton, Kansas where the groom is employed as a fireman on the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad.

### Successful Ministry.

Next Sunday, December 13th, an interesting series of services will be held in the Trinity Reformed church, at Pottstown, Pa. It will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. L. K. Evans, who is well known to many of our readers and whose former home was at Spring Mills, Pa., where his parents reside. Rev. Evans has been very successful in his ministerial work and is one of the most prominent ministers of that denomination.

### We Know of None Better.

Colonel R. H. Thomas, of Mechanicsburg president of the National Editorial association, is being boomed for the position of public printer under President McKinley. As this position must go to a republican, we do not know of any gentleman more worthy or better qualified to perform its duties than Mr. Thomas. We wish the gentleman all the support necessary for him to secure the office.

### Protracted Meeting.

A protracted meeting will begin in the Spring Mills church, of the Evangelical Association, Sunday evening, Dec. 13. We cordially invite all christian people to come and take part in the exercises. Everybody invited. All are welcome.

J. H. ERDMAN,  
Pastor.

### The Next Congress.

The next congress will stand: Republicans, 207; Democrats, 131. Anti silver, 220, silver 137. In the United States senate there will be 46 Republicans and 33 Democrats—47 anti silver and 44 silver.



MISS MARY TWITMYER, PLEASANT GAP.



WM. B. RERICK, BENNER TWP.

### THE PRIZE WINNERS.

Portraits of the Leaders for the Lock Haven Normal Scholarship.

The outcome of the contest for the scholarship, in the Lock Haven State Normal, in which this paper decided to send the two leading contestants, has proven very satisfactory to all parties concerned. On Thursday, December 3, two receipted bills for \$45, which cover all expenses for each, during the coming winter, term were mailed to Miss Mary Twitmyer, Pleasant Gap, and Wm. B. Rerick, Benner township. Both have acknowledged the receipt of the same and also desire us through the columns of the paper to return their thanks to all their many friends in the county who took an active interest in their behalf. They fully appreciate the efforts put forth in this direction and will make good use of the opportunity furnished to attend this well known educational institution.

### MISS MARY TWITMYER.

The subject of this sketch, whose portrait is given, is a daughter of Mr. Henry Twitmyer, one of Pleasant Gap's well known and highly respected citizens. When this paper offered a scholarship, this young lady knew nothing of the affair. In that community though there were many warm friends who decided that they would make an effort in her behalf, as she was known as a studious and bright young lady, and one who was eager for such an opportunity to pursue her studies in a higher institution of learning.

Miss Twitmyer is one of Pleasant Gap's popular young ladies, of refined manners and many accomplishments, and in that community she enjoys the good will and friendship of all her acquaintances. Bright and intelligent, and from a family that contains many who rank high in the professions and scholarly attainments, we predict for her a bright future.

### WILLIAM B. RERICK.

William B. Rerick, of Benner township, was the recipient of the highest number of votes in the contest. The subject of this sketch is a son of Lewis C. Rerick, one of Benner townships well known farmers and highly respected citizens. William is a young man of 18 years who has lived with his parents and always assisting in the work on the farm, the place where most of our noted men received their early training and afterwards developed. His education consists of advantages in the public schools of Spring and Benner townships, and the past year in the Bellefonte academy. His ambition is to enter the legal profession and to that end he has labored with much diligence. That he possesses the necessary pluck and grit to succeed in life was shown by the perseverance and determination exhibited to secure this scholarship. He has the ability and other necessary qualifications and we expect to hear well of him later in life.

The above expect to leave for Lock Haven on Monday, January 4th, at the opening of the winter term.

It affords the publisher of this paper much pleasure to know that the efforts put forth, in this direction, have been appreciated by the public. It is our only regret that the means are not at our disposal to help many other deserving young people in this manner.

### OUR RETURNING BOARD.

At the beginning of the contest we pronounced to furnish the judges, Messrs Al. S. Garman and S. D. Gettig, Esq., who so faithfully counted the ballot each week, with a three-months trip abroad, and all expenses paid. We are exceedingly sorry to announce that this proposition has not been accepted. Mr. Gettig, Esq., has since then been retained as counsel in a number of important cases involving much, and on account of other

pressing engagements, will be impossible for him to make the trip. Mr. Garman is likewise hampered. In addition to looking after the management of the popular Garman House he holds the position of chief brick presser at the Glass Works, and this requires his daily attendance. It is our hope that in the future we can devise some method or means of rewarding these gentlemen for their faithful service. For the present, we will dispose of them with a vote of thanks.

### Slowly Recovering.

About six months ago Barney Jennings a resident of Coleville, went to the Sister's of Mercy hospital, in Pittsburg, for treatment of a throat affliction. He is a glass blower by trade and it was supposed that he had strained a muscle in the neck. It came so bad that he could not speak and finally could not swallow. Under this condition the physicians made an opening in his side and by use of a silver tube passed food to his stomach. He took his only nourishment in this way for over six weeks. Of late his throat has improved and it is expected that in a few weeks he will have recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital.

He had a hard siege and his friends in this place will be pleased to hear of the promising condition he is in.

### Watch Recovered.

Rev. J. A. Hawkins, of Phillipsburg, has recovered the gold watch stolen by robbers from his bed room some time ago, at which time he was also relieved of about \$70 in money. The watch was found to be in the possession of a Philadelphia pawnbroker, where it had been deposited by the robber or his accomplice for the loan of \$20. The amount had to be paid by Mr. Hawkins before he could get possession of his property, but as the watch was a valuable one and a gift to him from one very dear to him he cheerfully paid the same.

### Oldest M. E. Church in the World.

The 127th anniversary of St. Georges' Methodist Episcopal church, Philadelphia, Pa., was celebrated on Sunday last. This is the oldest M. E. church in the world and at present Rev. John H. Wood is pastor. It was dedicated prior to the establishment of the City Roads Chapel, London, and that church is alleged to be the first of the Methodist faith.

### Won't Open Ballot Boxes.

In the contested election cases in Northampton county Judge Scott announced that the Court would not open a ballot-box until it had been proved that it contained illegal votes, or that there had been an incorrect count of ballots.

### Look Out For Them.

The United States secret service sends warning to merchants all over the country to be on the lookout for counterfeit \$10 bills which are being circulated in large numbers.

—Hoyts, "A trip to Chinatown" will be in the opera house on Thursday, Dec. 17. A guaranteed attraction.

—Dr. J. L. Seibert is keeping bachelor's hall and doing his masticating at the Garman House.

—Edward Brown has begun clearing up about his burned buildings and in a short time will have them under roof and in condition for occupancy.

—The condition of young Joseph Thompson, who had his leg injured by falling from a car is not very encouraging. The attending physicians fear that amputation may become necessary.

—At a recent meeting of the district convention of the International Sunday School Association, embracing the counties in the central part of the state, C. M. Bower, Esq., of this place was chosen as president. Mr. Bower is an active member of the organization.

## GOV. HASTINGS OFF THE TRACK

Will not Aspire for the U. S. Senatorship.

### QUAY AND HASTINGS CONFER

The Governor will be in the favor of the election of Penrose—Opposed to Wanamaker—No aspirations for a cabinet positions.

Governor Hastings has laid aside his ambition to take the place of Don Cameron in the United States senate and will aid Senator Quay in the election of his personal choice for this honor. Whom the senator will select he only knows, but there is not a politician who saw him at Harrisburg does not believe it will be Senator Penrose.

"If the next senator is to come from Philadelphia I will be for Penrose," said Senator Quay before returning to Washington. "If I did not I would have him on my hands two years from now as a candidate against me."

Senator Quay declined to talk further on the matter. He and Governor Hastings were together over two hours Friday morning at the executive mansion and agreed on two things. One was that they would continue to be good friends. The other was that their conversation was to be strictly confidential. The result is that neither will tell what passed between them or their plans for the future.

The governor says he is as good a friend of the senator as ever and refuses to discuss the senatorship. Neither will he talk about the story that he is to succeed Quay in the senate in 1899 or that the senator is to urge him for a place in McKinley's cabinet.

The governor made the following statement yesterday afternoon concerning the meeting between himself and Senator Quay: "What occurred we have agreed shall be confidential and I, therefore have nothing to say, except that we are still friends."

Soon after reaching the mansion Senator Quay told the governor he was there to redeem the pledge made the day before last Christmas to support him for the senate. Before he proceeded further the governor relieved the senator of his promise and stated that he was no longer a candidate. He told the "old man" he realized that there was a strong sentiment in favor of the honor going to Philadelphia and he would not do anything that would interfere with his plans or cause him trouble. He must therefore, no longer be considered as a candidate.

The two leaders parted cordially and about 1 o'clock Governor Hastings went to his office on Capitol hill.

The senator is happy over the outcome of the contest for senator and is more confident than ever that he will name his colleague. He is especially pleased with the governor's action. The "old man" told Governor Hastings that rather than have him think that he would not live up to his promise he would resign in his favor. The governor refused to hear to such a proposition and assured the senator he was satisfied he had done all he could to make him senator, but the conditions were such that he deemed it best not to be a candidate.

Governor Hastings did not show any serious disappointment and chatted pleasantly with his callers. There is no doubt he and Senator Quay have a deal for the future. The feeling is general among politicians here that Quay will use his good graces with Mark Hanna to secure a cabinet position for the governor under McKinley.

The beaver senator will find that it is not going to be an easy task to elect Penrose.

### Drilling the Third Well.

The Salt Lick gas and oil well company are now drilling their well near Karthaus. The spot selected is on the Centre county side of the river at a point opposite the second well. The drillers are down to a depth of eighty feet.

### Death at Buffalo Run.

On Saturday Miss Kate Osmer died at the home of Nathaniel Krape, Buffalo Run, from an affection of the stomach. The interment occurred on Monday, at Meyer's cemetery; her age was about 57 years.

### Child Injured.

Hon. Robert M. Foster and wife returned last week from a visit to friends in Philadelphia. While there their baby had a fall and fractured its collar bone.

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### PROF. WILSON REITMEYER.

Death of the Well Known Musician After a Long Illness.

There are many friends throughout Centre county who will read with regret the announcement of the death of Prof. Wilson Reitmeyer, the well known talented musician, which occurred at his home on North 7th Street Lewisburg, Pa., Sunday morning Nov. 28, at 7:30 o'clock, the immediate cause of his death being dropsy, superinduced by a complication of varied causes. Deceased was 49 years of age, and is survived by his wife and four children, two boys and girls: Dallas W., aged 17, Grace S., aged 14, Paul Y., age 8 and Ernest Ingham, age 6.

The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, Rev. McGann, of the Lutheran church, of which he was a faithful member, conducted the services. After services the remains were taken to the Lewisburg cemetery and laid to their final resting place. It was sad to lower into the grave one with such a beautiful life and who has furnished such sweet strains and harmonious music which had captivated thousands and thousands of listeners and admirers. Life was joy to him and happiness to others and his music was appreciated everywhere by everyone. His last spell of illness continued nine weeks and all of that time he was confined to his room.

He was tenderly nursed by his wife night and day through those long weeks of sickness, and also by a kind and affectionate mother who has not missed a day by his bedside, which brought great comfort to him during his suffering. He was conscious up to the hour of his death and bade farewell to his children and his intimate friends. His last words were his wife's name and "good bye."

He was born in Lewisburg, on Nov. 12, 1848, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Reitmeyer. His father died about 8 years ago. When but a small boy he began life by taking up the art of music and studied under some of the best teachers known at that time. After a few years of hard study he began teaching bands in different localities.

At the age of 18 he played the violin in Col's Wood's Museum, in Philadelphia. His success in music became so great and his work was so well appreciated that he was offered choice positions to travel with troupes, but poor health caused him to decline. For the past 11 years he was leader of the orchestra at Eaglesmere and was engaged for the next season. In winter months he gave private instructions to pupils and orchestras and had marked success in this work. He composed all his own music and a number of difficult pieces.

Mr. Reitmeyer organized the Zion band, in this county, in 1876, twenty years ago, and was instructor of that organization up to the time of his death. He also taught the Pleasant Gap band and State College bands for a number of years.

### G. A. R. ELECTION.

Headquarters Gregg Post, No 95, Dept. of Pa. G. A. R.

COMRADES:—At the next regular meeting of the Post, Dec. 12th, 1896, the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held, and also the regular yearly inspection take place, and it is important that all members of the Post be present and far as possible in uniform.

By order of the Post,

F. FRIELES GREENE,  
W. G. Fitzgerald, Adjutant.  
Commander.

Florida Oranges, Mexican Oranges, Jamaica and California Oranges—all sweet, juicy fruit, fancy thin-skinned juicy Lemons, Catawba Grapes, Bananas, Malaga white Grapes, Shellbarks, Pecans, Walnuts, Almonds and assorted Nuts. Goods fine and prices moderate. Seehler & Co.

### Hamlet Saturday Night.

James Young will make his second appearance in our city on Saturday night, when he will present his magnificent production of Shakespeare's Hamlet. This fine tragedy, as all know, unsurpassed, and Mr. Young's presentation of it is bound to delight the most critical audience. "Have no half dealings with this art," is his motto, and he makes it effective in every detail. His scenic embellishments, stage effects and rich costumes all add attractiveness to the play.

### John Mapes is Dead.

Two years ago a man named John Mapes started from Beech Creek with his family in a flat bottomed boat which he built for the purpose of making a trip by water to the south. He started down the Bald Eagle creek and floated the Chesapeake to Chesapeake bay and from there continued south, having had a venturesome trip. He died recently in the south.