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BOROUGH AFFAIRS AND POLITICS

A Few Important Offices to be Filled

CAREFUL VOTING NEEDED

Selecting These Officials a Matter of Business
The Best Men Should Be Selected—Sug-
gestions for Prudent People—How taxes
were Reduced in recent years.

For spring elections, we believe, too much political sentiment prevails. Voting at this time should be a purely business transaction. Bellefonte property owners groan severely when the tax collector comes around, and there is cause for it. They must pay out large sums of money for local government. If they would be more thoughtful about electing men to important positions, things likely would be different. In this borough there is a substantial majority of republicans. Republican politicians frequently scheme around and gobble up the nominations, and thus often place political heeled on their ticket. On the other hand, the democrats being in the minority, of necessity, place their very best material on the ticket as their only hope of winning. That is why the thoughtful, taxridden people of Bellefonte see their duty in dropping politics and voting for the best men.

The voters, for example, did a wise thing when they elected H. S. Taylor tax collector. They did the right thing by re-electing him to this important office, although he is an uncompromising democrat—he attends to business, and collects.

For years the manner of conducting the poor department in Bellefonte was a shame—an outrage. When John Trafford was elected we had promise of efficient work. What was the result? Immediately he reduced the poortax one mill, and the second year made another reduction of a mill, and assures us that if re-elected, he can still further reduce another mill. In '95 and '96 we paid seven mills for poor purposes. Under Trafford, in '97 we paid six mills, and in '98 only five mills and it is not unlikely that '99 by him could be reduced to four mills. Here is economy, good management, efficiency—now it remains to be seen whether the taxridden people of Bellefonte want such a man re-elected or not. Mr. Shaffer, the republican nominee for the same office—who knows what he would do? His election would be an experiment. Is it not wise to stick to a good man, when you have one? Take your choice.

The office of borough treasurer is of minor importance. Who ever is elected must give ample and approved bonds for the funds entrusted to him. Either Charles P. Cook, republican nominee, or Wm. Kelly, the democrat, is fully competent for the position. Not a word of complaint is there to make against Mr. Cook, only Mr. Kelly thinks that after Mr. Cook has held this office for about fifteen years at a yearly salary of \$300 or more, total \$4500, that he had been well fed at the public crib, and some others be given a turn. There is merit in that point. Public offices do not belong to some people.

For Borough Auditor we have H. B. Pontius, republican, and W. H. Walker, Esq., democrat. This is considered a minor office, yet very important, and requires integrity and ability. Learned in the law, Mr. Walker has qualifications of a higher order for this position. He has the energy to probe and thoroughly investigate. Elect him and you will have an official who not only can compile sums and totals, but audit in its true sense. That is what we need.

What the voters of Bellefonte want, is often far from what they need. Often they vote directly against their pocket books and their best interests. They should have exactly what they ask for. It is not our business to tell a single man how to vote, yet it is proper to point out the above matters to prudent people.

Want the News.

The editor of The Gibson (Ga.) Banner makes the following pathetic appeal for "copy" in a recent issue of his journal: "We want the news. If your wife whips you let us know it, and we will put you right before the world. If you have company tell us—if you are not ashamed of your visitor. If you have a party or gathering of any kind, bring around the cake, seven or eight pies and a side of ham—not necessarily to eat, but just to show your friendship and appreciation. You needn't mind inviting us, as it may be too cool for our wardrobe. We want the news—that's all."

To Get Rid of Warts.

Warts can be easily and quickly removed by applying castor oil to them two or three times a day. This is the simplest remedy known, and it is scarcely ever that it fails.

LATEST FROM MANILA.

The Insurgent Army Has Gone to Pieces—Aguinaldo in a Humble Mood.

A cable from Major General Otis states that the insurgent army has disintegrated and that the natives are returning to the villages, displaying the white flag.

Aguinaldo's influence is completely destroyed. He now asks for a cessation of hostilities and that a conference be held.

No answer has been sent to his request. Business is being resumed, and the natives are respectful and cheerful.

Full account of the battle with Aguinaldo's insurgents on Saturday and Sunday will be found on page 2 of this issue.

A GREAT FISH STORY.

A School of German Carp Discovered at Farrisville.

Farrisville, across the river from Lock Haven, is at the front with the greatest fish story that has been told in these parts in years. It appears that Friday afternoon some one made the discovery that a large school of German carp were sporting about under the ice on the river, and at once a hole was cut and all the dipnets in the town put in use dipping out the big fish. The news quickly spread through the village that fish were being caught by the dozens, and men women and children flocked to the scene of the big catch.

It is stated that about 3,000 carp were taken from the water, ranging in size from one and a half to three and a half pounds. Enough were caught to furnish all the families in the village with what fish they wanted, and several barrels full were given to the hands of a railroad work train.

The first haul that was made with a dip net 250 carp were taken out, not one of which weighed less than 2 pounds.

NO NEARER THE GOAL.

The senatorial ballot yesterday at Harrisburg resulted: Quay 106, Jenks 60, Dalzell 15, Stone 6, Stewart 5, Eastburn 6, scattering 19. Other ballots of the past week will be found on page 3.

Keely Fraud.

The investigations that are being made daily and the developments that are constantly coming to light, show most conclusively that Keely, the projector of the motor that never moted, was one of the most colossal frauds of the century. In most such projects there is usually something of merit to recommend the project to the public. With Keely, though, there doesn't seem to have been a single redeeming trait. The whole scheme seems to have been conceived and carried on with an evident purpose of systematically defrauding the public in the most effective way possible. What were held out to be hidden and secret forces turn out to be nothing but compressed air and devices for developing power, whose properties are already known to inventors. The one singular feature about the whole business is that it has been possible to fasten a fraud of such proportions on the public for so long a time without a discovery of the truth being made.

Very Sad, But True.

The thing that keeps down the newspaper business is the fact that so many people think that printers pursue their calling merely for amusement. Nothing could be sadder than to see the printer eating a contributed poem for want of bread or pie. When a man has a roll of bills he pays everybody before he remembers that he owes the amiable printer; he squares up with the butcher, the baker, the horse blanket maker, and by the time he is through he says to himself the Printer will have to wait awhile. A great many printers in this world of sorrow and sin have been compelled to wait a while; they have waited until their whiskers have turned gray, and their bosoms become melancholy and their hearts hard; and they are waiting yet and will wait until the sun grows cold, and the stars are old, and the leaves of the judgement book unfold. And it is all very sad, at least.

Word to the Wise.

An Arizona rancher has posted the following on a cotton tree near his place: "My wife Sarah has left my ranch when I didn't Doo a Thing Too her and I want it distinctly understood that any Man as takes her in an Keers for her on my account will get himself pumped so full of Led that some tenderfoot will locate him for a mineral claim. A word to the wise is sufficient and orter work on fools."

"The Post Leads as Usual."

"The Pittsburg Post" added another star to its crown of newspaper glory last Sunday in giving early and complete reports of the attack of the Filipinos on our soldiers, which they so gallantly and effectively repulsed. If you don't get "The Post" you don't get the news.

MANY DEATHS FOR A WEEK

The Variable Weather Caused Much Sickness

MORTALITY WAS INCREASED

A Brief Sketch Given of Each Death—From All Sections of the County—Who They Were and Other Points of Interest There-with.

GEORGE MARSHALL.

On Friday evening George Marshall died at his home, this place, after a brief illness with a severe cold or grip. He was taken ill on Wednesday. Friday afternoon his condition was not such as to cause serious alarm. He received the most careful attention. When Reuben Harrison went to his room he found him dead in bed, although Mrs. Marshall had been in the room but a few minutes previous.

George Marshall was born in Jersey Shore and was 61 years, 11 months and 24 days old. Twenty-nine years ago he married Miss Jane Klingler. Only one child was born to this union, William Marshall, now of Pails Creek, Pa.

He came here 32 years ago and was employed by the following:—Howell & Gillen, John Hoffer, John Meese and the Eureka grocery store where he had been for several years past.

He leaves a wife, one son, three sisters, Miss Lottie and Mrs. John Sholtz, of Jersey Shore, and Mrs. Garrett, of Virginia. Funeral took place on Monday afternoon.

MRS. MATILDA ALLPORT.

Mrs. Matilda Allport, of Phillipsburg, died on last Thursday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. W. Holt.

Mrs. Allport was born at Centre Furnace, this county, on April 1, 1814, and consequently would have been 85 years of age the coming first of April. She was the daughter of Maj. Andrew and Mary (Evans) Hunter, who were among the very first settlers of the county. Her ancestors on her father's side were identified with most of the important military and commercial movements from the time of their arrival from England in this country which was during the Colonial days. Her grandfather joined the revolutionary forces in the struggle with England and rose to be a major. It is said that his English connections disowned and disinherited him for this act.

A sister, Mrs. Catharine Hunter, who is passed eighty years of age, survives her. The funeral took place from the residence of D. W. Holt on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

WILLIAM LYTLE.

William Lytle died Friday morning at his farm near Scotia. Death was caused by a complication of diseases. Deceased was born in Northumberland county and was 61 years of age. He served in the rebellion in the 148th Regt. Pennsylvania Volunteers.

He leaves to mourn his loss a loving wife and four children; also three sisters and four brothers. The brothers and sisters are James, Henry, Ellis and Ephraim of near Stormstown; Mrs. Joseph Way, of Phillipsburg; Mrs. Sarah Jane Gales, of Curwensville; Mrs. Maria Miller, of Stormstown.

The funeral took place Sunday afternoon and was in charge of Post 419 G. A. R., of which the deceased was a member. Interment was made in Ross' cemetery.

SILAS EMERY HARNISH.

Silas E. Harnish died at the family home in Tyrone at 11 o'clock Thursday morning Feb. 2nd, after an illness of about two weeks from grip and malaria fever. Deceased was the son of John M. and Elizabeth Harnish, who moved to Tyrone with their family from Snow Shoe Intersection on the 9th of January last. He was 23 years, 3 months and 23 days old.

Besides the parents the following brothers and sisters survive: Mrs. Joseph Iddings, of Centre county; Mrs. William Becker, of Harrisburg; John T. Harnish, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Martha, Martin, Elizabeth, Minerva, Myra, Marcella and Charles, at the family home.

Interment took place at Unionville on Saturday.

JAMES P. ROAN.

Death entered the Roan home at Coleville, and took away their father. Mr. Roan had only been sick two weeks. At first it was only a bad cold, it then developed into the grip and settled on his lungs.

He was born in Cumberland county, Sept. 7th, 1826. He was therefore 72 years, 4 months and 28 days old. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, Mrs. Catharine Roan and seven children:—Mrs. Orrie Atwood, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Ida Long, of Coleville; Miss Mary Roan, Mrs. Joseph Norris, of Altoona; Robert,

of Altoona; Mrs. Joseph Eckley, and Harry of Bellefonte. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon. Interment in union cemetery.

SORELY AFFLICTED.

A sad affliction has recently come to the home of Jacob Garber, a farmer living near Stumptown, a small village on the public road leading from Osceola to Phillipsburg. Three of his children, Sarah, a bright girl of sixteen, Lavada, almost five and Ida May aged two years, have died within the past ten days of malignant diphtheria. Two others are prostrated with the same dread disease, but hopes are entertained for their recovery.

MRS. SAMUEL LYTLE.

Sunday morning Jan. 29th, Mrs. Samuel Lytle died at her home at State College, aged 70 years, 11 months and 23 days.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, Jan. 31st.

She is survived by a husband and the following children: Charles, John, Mrs. Nora Furzesson, Mrs. Edward Corl, Mrs. Newton Hov and Miss Mary. Mrs. Lytle had been sick for the past few years.

SUDDEN DEATH.

On January 27th Mr. Haines, of Pa. Furnace, died very suddenly. While sitting on a chair he dropped over dead. Mr. Haines was an old veteran, and lived in Graysville at the time of his death. His wife, two sons and three daughters survive him. Funeral on Sunday afternoon, at Pa. Furnace.

PASTOR DEAD.

Rev. A. H. Parker, died at his home at Reedsville, Mifflin county, Wednesday. He had been pastor of the Presbyterian church at that place for more than twenty five years, and was one of the most prominent divines in the Huntingdon Presbytery.

BEATRICE CLAIR SAUSERMAN.

Beatrice Clair Sauserman, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sauserman, six months old died at their home on Thomas street, of cholera infantum. Funeral this (Thursday) afternoon. Interment in Union cemetery.

HARVY HAMPTON.

Harvy Hampton died on Friday evening at his home with consumption. He had been ill for several months. Interment took place at Curtin, on Sunday. A squad from Co. B. N. G. P., of this place attended the funeral exercises.

OTHER DEATHS.

In addition to the above the following deaths will be found fully reported in our communications, in another part of this issue:

Lester McClincey	Unionville
Cyrus Harnish	Unionville
Mrs. Wm. Young	Spring Mills
W. H. Smith	Spring Mills
Mrs. Catharine Yearick	Walker
Christ Strong	Fillmore
Harvey Hampton	Roland

FARMERS, WATCH THIS.

The recent revenue act requires a two-cent revenue stamp upon every check or note issued, and failure to do this makes the party issuing same liable to a heavy fine.

The old form of judgment exemption note which contains the clause, "and do hereby authorize any attorney, etc., to enter and confess judgment, etc." confers the power of attorney, which under this same revenue act requires a 25 cent revenue stamp. The public generally is not aware of this fact.

In order to overcome this 25 cent tax on "judgment exemption" notes the Centre Democrat has a new form of note, embodying all the essential features of the old style note, but omitting the unnecessary "Power of Attorney" clause, drawn up and same was approved by the three banks of Bellefonte, and has been adopted by them.

Every time you issue a judgment exemption note, and use the old form, you are required to pay 25 cents tax, or liable to a severe penalty. If you use the note prepared by us, it cost only 2 cents. Harties securing their sale bills at this office receive this new note free. Others can have them for 10 cents per dozen, or 40 cents per hundred.

In all cases such a promissory note requires a 2 cent stamp for every \$100 or fraction thereof.

The special weekly letter from Harrisburg, written from a non-partisan standpoint, on this page, should be read carefully this week. It shows some of the treasury looting bills presented to the legislature, this session. Look out for more bad work by that body this year.

Some one has estimated that twenty-two acres of land is needed to sustain man on flesh, while that amount of land sown with wheat will feed forty-two persons: sowed to oats, eighty-eight; potatoes, Indian corn or rice, 176 persons, and planted with the bread fruit tree, over 6,000 people could be fed.

CONCLUSION OF COURT

An Important Fence Dispute Settled

A LONG WEEK OF COURT

The McCafferty Insurance Case Continued—Other Cases Tried, Settled, or Continued—Reported for Our Readers by S. D. Gettig, Esq.

The following is the conclusion of the report of second week of January Term of Court, continued from our last issue:

In the case of W. H. McCausland use of vs. Wilson. Verdict in favor of the defendant.

Julia Hale vs. Charles Ammerman, summons in trespass, plea not guilty, continued generally.

Laura Mull, Julia L. Hale, executrix and trustees under the last will and testament of John A. Mull, deceased, Rueben H. Mull, Lawrence J. Mull and Nathan H. Mull, a minor by the said Reuben H. Mull his next friend vs. Jacob Walkey, summons in ejectment, plea not guilty. This suit is brought to recover about twenty-five and one-half acres of land in Burnside township. The defendant admits that the legal title in the land is in the Mulls, but claims the land by possession right, claiming that he has had peaceable and undisputed possession of the land for more than twenty-one years, having cleared and improved the land in that time. Verdict on Thursday afternoon in favor of the defendant for the land described in the writ.

Lillie E. Essington vs. Mary Boileau, summons in trespass; plea not guilty. Continued.

First National Bank, of Bellefonte, vs. A. M. McClain and Isaac Thomas, trading as A. M. McClain & Co.; summons in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit and payment with leave, etc. Continued.

Charles K. McCafferty vs. The Insurance Company of North America; summons in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Continued.

First National Bank, of Bellefonte, vs. Isaac Thomas; summons in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit and payment with leave, etc. Continued.

James Duck vs. Benjamin Lambert, summons in trespass, plea not guilty. This case grows out of a dispute about a lane between the farm of plaintiff and defendant in Gregg township, forty-nine and a fraction rods in length. It was opened up for mutual use by the litigant's predecessors in title some forty years ago. Both sides of the lane were fenced by what is known as a worm fence, but in 1897 the defendant put up a wire fence on his side of the lane, as he alleges, along the outside stakes and that he did not make the lane any narrower. On the other hand the plaintiff alleges that the lane is narrower and that at one of the corners the defendant set one of the posts out about four feet. Verdict on Friday evening in favor of the defendant, Mr. Lambert.

Charles K. McCafferty vs. The Lancashire Insurance Company of Manchester, England; summons in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. This suit is brought to recover on a policy of fire insurance, on two houses on Race street in this borough, which were destroyed by fire, while in the process of re-building on the 3rd day of August 1897, a vacancy permit and a builder's risk having been granted for same. Sometime after the fire an appraisal was had and an award made, which was not accepted by the plaintiff, hence this suit. On Saturday morning the plaintiff amended his declarations the defendants plead surprise. A juror was withdrawn and the cause continued at the costs of the plaintiff.

All jurors were discharged on Saturday forenoon.

A. A. Leiser, a member of the Union County Bar, was concerned in the McCafferty insurance case.

Court adjourned, on Saturday forenoon, at eleven o'clock.

Monday morning further argument was had in the Jackson equity case.

Centenarians Wed.

John D. Clews 102 years old and Mrs. Sarah Jennings 100 years old were married at Franklin, Pa., last Monday. The bridegroom is a wealthy oil producer and a veteran of the Civil and Mexican wars, while the bride is a cousin of Abraham Lincoln, and resides in Foxburg. She was married in 1824 to James Jennings, and has four daughters, seven sons and twenty-five grandchildren, all living.

Notwithstanding their advanced age these old sports are said to be as lively as young people of 40. There is hope and consolation in this item for those maidenly maidens of thirty summers and more, who are hopeless and forlorn, as well as for the selfish, crusty old bachelors.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

MIXED PICKLES.

An undertaker tried to play
His part at several wakes,
But he got the corpses mixed next day
And made some grave mistakes.

Lives of candidates remind us
We should hustle with a vim,
Lest the growing years should find us
In the soup, and not the swim.

Women and weather are much alike,
Their whims are wont to vary;
It is when you've got a "line" on them
That they just act contrary.

Big bullies are easily cowed.
A legal term—"six months in jail."
Thermometers are marked down to zero.

Is the note of a muffled drum a "dead beat"?

Havana wrappers make good smoking jackets.
He who employs a plumber must pay the piper.

The lack of money is the root of a great many evils.

The impression made by beauty is more than skin deep.

Many pictures taken by amateurs are not worth a "snap."

It isn't only the wicked who walk on slippery places these days.

It was an Irish policeman who called his club a "nut" cracker.

The man who waits until to-morrow never accomplishes anything.

As some men become prosperous they become undesirable neighbors.

The bookkeeper in posting his ledger frequently draws the color line.

The bill collector hustles a good deal, and yet his work is always done.

Brakemen should be in good physical condition. They are always training.

One sometimes stoops to conquer and finds himself unable to straighten up.

An honest man is not only the noblest work of the Creator, but also the scarcest.

Some women have less confidence in their husbands than they do in anybody else.

When a man takes unto himself a better half he should be prepared for the worst.

Some men give according to their means, and others according to their meanness.

A man often spurns good advice when it's free, and accepts bad counsel when he's charged for it.

It is curious to note what positive opinions some people hold on matters they know nothing about.

"Becky dog has a sis day," but the majority of them seem to think the night is the time to make themselves heard.

Cincinnatus was called from the plow to the dictatorship, and no man knows to this day what kind of a pull he had.

The regularity with which the late Mr. Keeley kept his victims signing checks was perhaps the nearest approach to perpetual motion on record.

Jinks—"Hello, Binks; heard that you saw the big fire break out." Binks—"That's wrong, my boy; I was merely in the vicinity and saw the fire escape."

The Kansas City Times calls attention to the fact that in Mexico the penalty for train robbing is death, and that without any foolish delay. Not a train was held up last year.

"It is a question to me," said the dentist, as he got up in the cold to answer a cry from the baby, "if a fellow makes most noise when his teeth are coming, or when they are going."

One thing may be said in favor of the beef which General Eagan and the packers sent to the soldiers. It had no flies on it. Even the bull fly quit the ship when a quarter of it was brought on board.

A young tailor named Berry, lately succeeded to his father's business, once sent in his account to Charles Matthews somewhat ahead of time. Whereupon Matthews, with virtuous rage, wrote him the following note: "You must be a goose—Berry, to send me your bill—Berry, before it is due—Berry. Your father, the elder—Berry, would have had more sense. You may look very black—Berry, and feel very blue—Berry, but I don't care a straw—Berry, for you and your bill—Berry."

Answers Wanted.

Why should well water ever be unhealthful?

Why doesn't a tall man live longer than a short one?

Why isn't a combination of whisky and water a mixed evil?

Why does old age tear down circus bills stuck up by youth?

Why does a prohibitionist kick when he finds water in the milk?

Why is silence golden when silver will shut a man's mouth just as effectively?

Why isn't the patient in danger as long as the doctor continues to visit him?

Why does the average man prefer to win a dollar on a horse race to earning five by honest labor?—Chicago Daily News.