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## FOR AN HONEST JUDICIARY

### The Importance of Electing Judge Yerkes this Year.

### WHAT HIS ELECTION MEANS

Our Tribunals of Justice Must Be Above Suspicion—An Issue That Demands Serious and Thoughtful Consideration.

In our last issue we gave an account of how Justice Potter, the present Quay nominee for election to the Supreme Court Bench, had so far gone out of his way as to lobby for the success of the infamous "Ripper Bill" among his fellow members, and then betrayed all customs and decency, by informing his former law partner, Gov. Stone, the one interested, as to the secrets of the Court and the progress the measure was making. Such conduct would not be tolerated in any other but this boss-ridden state of Pennsylvania. Of late the Quay machine has been packing that body with political tools like Justice Potter. It is an alarming condition of affairs, the extent of the evil few will realize. When our Courts are tainted with low grade politicians public interests suffer. A clean, upright judge gives confidence to the people. A corrupt judiciary weakens confidence in government and will breed anarchy. On page 3 of this issue we give further discussion of Justice Potter's shortcomings and opinions why he is unfit to be a member of our Supreme Court.

By comparison we give a sketch of Hon. Harman Yerkes, who should be elected instead:

HON. HARMAN YERKES.

Hon. Harman Yerkes was born in Bucks county, in 1842. In early life he became a school teacher and later studied law, under the late Judge Ross, being admitted to the bar in 1865. He at once entered upon a successful practice at Doylestown and was elected judge of the county court, in 1883, and has served continuously since, being now near the close of his second term. Before going upon the bench, he took a very active part in local, state and national politics, serving in Democratic conventions. In 1868 he was elected district attorney, and in 1873 was chosen state senator, being re-elected in 1876. His legislative career was conspicuous for ability and zeal in the performance of his duty. As a jurist, Judge Yerkes has displayed superior ability, winning the highest opinions from all classes of the people. He has been a terror to evil-doers and has held the scales of justice evenly between litigants. Near the close of his first term all the members of the bar, irrespective of party, addressed to him a letter urging that he be a candidate for re-election. Unanimously nominated again by the Democrats, he was endorsed by the Republican convention and re-elected. In 1895 he was one of the nominees for the superior court. In social life Judge Yerkes is a conspicuous figure at his home, in Doylestown. In 1869 he was married to a daughter of Monroe Buckman. He is a member of the vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and rector's warden. He is a member of the Society of Sons of the Revolution and of the Historical Societies of Pennsylvania and Bucks County and is a past master of the Doylestown Lodge of Masons.

For a long time in advance of the last Democratic state convention, by which Judge Yerkes was unanimously nominated to succeed Justice William P. Potter, on the supreme bench, he was unquestionably the choice of every element of his party for that exalted office. The placing of his name on the Democratic state ticket, with such enthusiastic unanimity, and the adoption of a platform aiming at the complete fusion which has been effected, was hailed by the independent voters of the state as the forerunner of victory. By independent Republicans, as well as by Democrats, Judge Yerkes is regarded as the strongest man who could have been selected to head the fight of the people to strengthen and dignify the highest tribunal of the commonwealth.

### Judge Yerkes' Strong Views.

In his acceptance of the Fusion nomination for the supreme court, Hon. Harman Yerkes thus farcibly writes: "I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 12th inst. informing me of my nomination by the Union Party for the office of justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania.

"This nomination coming to me as the unanimous expression of confidence from a convention composed of representative Republicans of the highest character, I regard as a very great honor.

"In reply to your expressed belief that, if elected, I will fill the office to the satisfaction of the people of the commonwealth, regardless of political affiliations, I can only respond in the

terms of my acceptance of the nomination for the same office by the Democratic party. My election will not be a partisan victory. The office for which you have named me is non-political, and I would believe my record of 18 years upon the bench and would betray and insult my supporters if, in the event of an election, I could degrade myself by cherishing a partisan or political purpose in the execution of any duty of my office, or if I should stoop so low as to allow myself or my office to be used to the prejudice of or to the favor of any party, class, interest, enemy or friend.

"As a judicial officer I never have considered any man's position, class, trade or occupation, circumstances, friendships or enmities, and, God willing, I never will. My only pledge is that, if elected, I will devote all my strength and ability to a faithful discharge of the duties of my office. I will obey and uphold the constitution. I will endeavor to interpret the law justly, relying upon its sound principles, following established rules, and giving due weight to reasonable precedents.

"Whatever opposition may be incited against my candidacy by any class, corporation, organization or individual, as a result of a strict adherence in the past to these just rules of judicial duty and conduct, I shall observe them. I have an abiding confidence that the whole people of Pennsylvania, realizing at this time as never before the necessity of upholding the administration of the courts in promoting law and order, will endorse her judiciary in every effort to maintain the highest standard of duty and impartiality.

"I accept your nomination upon the assurance that the contest for my election will be made not for partisan advantage but in the interest of all Pennsylvania.

"With great respect, I am,  
Your obedient servant,

### WEDDING AFTER 50 YEARS.

#### Romance of two Centuries Finds Happy Outcome at Williamsport.

A romance that began over half a century culminated Thursday, 24th, in the marriage of John Ludwig, a wealthy woolen mill man, of Ebensburg, Pa., and Mrs. Elizabeth Herkimer, of Williamsport.

As children they were playmates, and later lovers, but they became estranged, separated, and mated with others. Mrs. Herkimer became a widow a number of years ago. Two years ago Ludwig's wife died and last summer he began the correspondence that resulted in Thursday's wedding. Mr. Ludwig is 69 and his bride 65.

The Herkimer family were residents of Bellefonte for many years, after the death of the husband Adam Herkimer, who followed the weaving trade and was a much respected citizen, the family moved to Williamsport where they have since resided.

### TYRONE BANK CLERK CONFESSES.

#### Shortage of \$12,000 Found While He Was Away on His Vacation.

David M. Wolf, book-keeper of the First National bank, of Tyrone, Pa., confessed last week to the embezzlement of \$12,000 of the bank funds. The cashier of the bank discovered irregularities in Wolf's books while the latter was away on his vacation amounting to the sum named. He is bonded for \$10,000 by the American Surety Co., New York. The bank officials have taken no action against him. Wolf is a native of Martinsburg, Blair county, and aged about 31 years.

### Dietz's Body Found.

Two hunters found the remains of Dr. Charles F. Dietz in Locomotive creek, near Cogan Station, Saturday morning. The body was identified by papers found on his person.

The supposition is that Dr. Dietz boarded the Northern Central train the night he disappeared, three weeks ago, thinking he was on the train that goes to Williamsport. Finding his mistake he got off at Cogan Station and started to walk back to Williamsport. In crossing bridge No. 5 he was struck by a train and thrown into the creek, as one of his hips is badly bruised.

About two weeks ago a little girl playing along the creek found a black derby hat, which is supposed to have belonged to the deceased.

### Charges of Lying Preferred.

Charges of lying have been preferred against Rev. Dr. S. C. Swallow, editor of the Pennsylvania Methodist and superintendent of the M. E. book rooms, Harrisburg. Rev. C. V. Hartzell is the accuser. Swallow is always in a peck of trouble. He is fearless and never hesitates to speak his mind, no matter where it strikes.

Get out the vote—that is the most important thing to do. Time is short until the election.

## GOOD MAN FOR STATE TREASURER

### One Whom Every Good Citizen Should Support

### CORAY DEFINES THE ISSUES

And Points out the Path of Duty—Public and Private Record of the Candidate—Compared With Harris, the Quay Nominee

Owing to some technicalities raised by a few Quayite democrats it was necessary to re-assemble the Democratic State Committee, at Harrisburg on Tuesday, as the courts had rendered a decision that the former nomination of E. A. Coray, for State Treasurer, on the Democratic State Ticket, was invalid owing to the neglect to notify a few members of that meeting. Tuesday's session renominated Mr. Coray, and now it is impossible for the Quay people to keep his name off the Democratic State Ticket, and it will also appear on the Union Party Ticket.

At this time it is well to give some attention to this candidate who is worthy of the support of every good citizen who wants to oust the corrupt Quay machine and believers in "Honest Government by Honest Officials." The following is a brief sketch of the democratic nominee for state treasurer.

HON. ELISHA A. CORAY JR.

Elisha A. Coray, Jr., is a native of Bradford county, Pa., 42 years of age. He has resided in Luzerne county, at West Pittston, for many years past. After an academic education, he learned the printer's trade and became a reporter on the Pittston Evening Gazette, which he served acceptably for six years. Taking an active interest in politics, he became a member of the Republican county committee, and was also chairman of the legislative district committee. In 1888 Mr. Coray was elected to the legislature and re-elected in 1890. Throughout both terms he was an intelligent and faithful legislator, exerting his influence upon every occasion in favor of honest and desirable legislation and against everything of a dishonest character, no matter from what source it came. After five years of retirement from public life, during which time he established himself in the real estate business, Mr. Coray was returned to the legislature, and at once took a leading position in the house. In the senatorial contest of 1897 he opposed the candidacy of Mr. Penrose. During the session Mr. Coray consistently and earnestly defended the public treasury against all kinds of selfish schemes and unjust bills. He was a thorn in the side of the machine members whenever attempts were made to secure illegal extra pay, through incidentals, special expenses, etc. He continually called attention to the pledges of the Republican state platforms with regard to reform bills and endeavored to secure a more efficient ballot law. Mr. Coray was re-elected to the house, in 1898, and again in 1900. He opposed Mr. Quay's re-election to the senate, and during the last session was particularly vigilant and active in protecting the public interests in every possible way. All the iniquitous measures that came before the house he vigorously opposed. Upon many occasions he called attention to the falsification of the vote, and several times was threatened with personal violence for the stand he took in thus exposing machine trickery. It would require much space to record in detail Mr. Coray's work during the five terms that he has faithfully served the people at Harrisburg. No man in the state has been more courageous in the defense of the honor of the commonwealth, and what he has done makes his nomination as a candidate for state treasurer the legitimate culmination of an honorable and useful public career. A comparison of the votes of Coray and Harris, the Quay candidate for state treasurer, on leading measures, clearly shows who has the largest claim upon public confidence and support. The following statement speaks for itself:

	Coray Voted	Harris Voted
Pittsburg Ripper	Yea	Nay
Philadelphia Ripper	Nay	Yea
Philadelphia Fifth Court	Nay	Yea
Street railway franchise	Nay	Yea
grabs	Nay	Yea
Steelman canal grab	Nay	Yea
Eric land grab	Nay	Yea
\$4,000,000 Capitol bill	Nay	Yea
Increasing clerk hire allowance	Nay	Yea
Supreme Court judges, \$1,000 to \$2,500 each	Nay	Yea
Garner bill for mine inspectors	Yea	Dodged
Requiring operators to pay miners by ton, instead of by car	Yea	Dodged
Giving miners a check weighman at each colliery	Yea	Dodged
Requiring to compute miners pay before being screened	Yea	Dodged
Farrehee bill taxing company stores out of existence	Yea	Dodged
Cooper Label Bill amendment to prevent mis-selling the press	Yea	Nay
Coray amendment to General Appropriation bill to insure public schools immediate payment of \$1,000,000 Governor signs had vetoed	Yea	Dodged

Bills creating needless courts in Northumberland and Montgomery counties	Nay	Yea
Coray bill to revoke state warrants for land under streams, and thus block the \$50,000 coal grab	Yea	Nay
The Guffey-Ikeler Ballot Reform bill	Yea	Nay

### Coray Denounces Quayism.

In his letter of acceptance of the Union party nomination for state treasurer, Hon. E. A. Coray writes to the chairman of the notification committee, as follows:  
"Replying to your letter notifying me of my selection by the recent convention of the Union party as its candidate for state treasurer, I desire to say the nomination is accepted and the high honor conferred fully appreciated.

"It was natural to expect that revolt would follow the unseemly acts of the late legislature. It is the revolt of patriotic citizens jealous of the honor of the commonwealth. It is the revolt of long-suffering taxpayers, goaded to desperation by their plunderers. It is revolt against the machine that writes reform in its platform, proclaims it from the stump and then repudiates it in every political act. It is revolt against the further exercise of power of attorney for a great political party by men who are without pride in its traditions or loyalty to its principles and who constantly humiliate it by their practices. It is revolt against conspiracies to loot the assets of the commonwealth, from the coin of the treasury to the coal in the bowels of the earth. It is a revolt against legislation to pinch the capitalist and rob the laborer of the fruits of his toil. It is revolt against the purchase and sale of legislation. It is a revolt against politics on the bench.

"The machine fears this revolt. It strives to beguile the masses. 'Yellow,' it cries at the faithful press that turns light upon its blackness. 'Anarchy,' shout the promoters of stuffed ballot boxes and treasury looters at those who strive to curb their lawlessness. Still the revolt spreads. Thousands of reputable citizens, foremost sturdy sticklers for party regularity, are joining the forces of good government, not that they love party regularity less, but decency, the honor of the state, and their own interests as taxpayers more. The revolt is born of the hope of better government in Pennsylvania. It is rooted in righteousness. It must win.

"Regarding the office of state treasurer, I would suggest that it should cease to be regarded as a 'plum tree.' It should cease to be a receptacle for padded pay rolls, or bonds of indemnity. It should not honor vouchers for contingent expenses, unless specifically itemized. It should pay no officers except those elected or appointed in pursuance of law. It should not withhold payment of appropriations for public schools or charitable institutions in the interest of favorite banks. Its transactions, its assets and its accounts should be so open that any citizen of the commonwealth, desiring to do so, may be able to make himself familiar with them.

"In brief, in connection with the state treasury and its management there should be the strictest compliance with the requirements of the law and the constitution—no secrets, no mysteries, no bonuses or 'rake-offs'; no funds for speculators; no fear of attack; no occasion for seeking refuge behind statutes of limitation, or fleeing from the jurisdiction of the state. And if elected state treasurer, I pledge myself to conduct the office in harmony with the above suggestions."

### Big Timber Deal.

The Clearfield Ratsman's Journal says after a year's prospecting, estimating, etc., A. G. Graham, acting for the Surveyor Run Lumber company, of which he is a member, closed the purchase of all the timber on the 700 acres of the estate of the late Dr. M. Stewart, of Burnside township, Centre county, near Pine Glen. The heirs conveying this tract are Patsy E. Stewart, widow; William Stewart, Seattle, Wash.; Dr. W. S. Stewart, Wilkesbarre, and D. G. Stewart, Moanion. The consideration for the timber alone was \$25,000, and the purchasers have six years to remove the same. There are 8,000,000 feet on this tract and 2,000,000 of logs will be cut and floated this year. A. G. Graham and W. A. Porter, of the company, were in Williamsport last week and sold the output of the entire tract to Elias Deemer. There will be an immense lot of bark which will be peeled next year.

### College for Altoona.

It is understood at Altoona that the proposed new United Evangelical college will be located in that city, if residents furnish a desirable site of about 20 acres and erect the building. Enterprising citizens have started at work to secure enough funds to fulfill the requirements. The Evangelical church agrees to endow the institution sufficiently to maintain it.

HELP to get out the vote on Tuesday, November 5th.

## VARIETY OF COUNTY NEWS

### Items of Interest Gathered From All Sections.

### SHORT AND TO THE POINT

What Transpired Worthy of Brief Mention, the Past Week—News From Over the County—For Hasty Readers—A New Department.

We would like to have reports from all who have had good crops this season.

Messrs. William and Al. Harter, of Coburn, shot twelve pheasants on the 15th.

Grant Williams, of Sugar Valley, has captured 22 coons and 2 opossums this season.

The Howard creamery station at Spring Mills closed last week and will not re-open until Spring.

Harry Schlegle, of Washington, has bought and shipped 160 horses from Coburn station since Jan. 1st.

It is said that J. C. Smith, of Millheim, will give up his hardware business in that place to travel for a large Chicago paint house.

A concert will be given in the Presbyterian church at Lemont this Thursday evening, Oct. 24th. They have musicians from all parts of the country who contribute their efforts.

Mrs. George Matters, of Benore, was stricken with paralysis on Sunday evening 12th. She was completely paralyzed but had recovered sufficiently to converse with her family.

The marriage of Miss Leota Wilkinson, of Potters Mills, and Henry Spangler, of Chicago, Ill., son of W. W. Spangler, of Centre Hall, is informally announced to take place this month.

Dr. Wm. G. Eisenhardt, who was located at Madisonburg since last March, pulled up stakes and left for his native city, Philadelphia, last week, where he will practice his profession.

On Saturday evening, Oct. 26th, the ladies of the Methodist church of Pleasant Gap will hold a chicken and waffle supper in the church at that place. The supper will be from 5 o'clock on as long as it is patronized.

Mrs. Haven, wife of Rev. T. W. Haven, of the Penns valley charge, M. E. church, occupied her husband's pulpit on Sunday evening 13th, at this place. Her text was "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" says the Millheim Journal.

Robert Hudson, who has conducted the saddlery business for many years in Philipsburg, has sold his business to Walter B. Gray, of that place. The latter will conduct it in conjunction with his work as a traveling salesman in the same line.

A bear came within smelling distance of Milesburg the other day, and next day some of the bear killers of this town and Milesburg, went to the mountain near the latter place to have a "picnic" with brui, but he hid to await the coming of Roosevelt.

P. N. Hicks, an aged citizen of Houston township, died at the home of his son Curtin, Saturday morning, from disease incident to old age. Mr. Hicks was engaged during his life at the various furnaces throughout Blair and Centre counties. He is survived by a wife and eight children.

Penn's Valley Lodge No. 276 of the I. O. O. F., of Pine Grove Mills, rejoices in one of the most elegant hall buildings in the county. The building, just finished, will be dedicated with imposing ceremony about Christmas. The hall was entirely paid for upon its completion.

The handsome new Baileyville grammar school, just finished, will be dedicated Oct. 25th, under the direction of Superintendent Gramley, with other speakers, and good music. The building is a one and a half story Gothic structure, painted in white with a trimming of green.

Considerable fear is entertained by the people of Beech Creek, lest an epidemic of diphtheria break out. Five cases have been reported thus far, one of which resulted fatally. The public schools have not been closed, but the attendance has fallen off considerably. All the rooms have been thoroughly disinfected.

An old man, who said his name was Ratt, and that his home was at Dayton, Ohio, is playing his little game through the county. He for one week engaged boarding with Mrs. Peter Conser, and the day before the week had expired he said he had business to transact at Bellefonte, and left for parts unknown without paying his board. From what we can learn, he was an inmate in the Soldiers' Home at Dayton.—Millheim Journal.

William Beckwith, a huckster residing (Continued on page 6 column 2.)

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

### Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Quite a she-bang—a girl's frizzes.

"To beat the Dutch" seems hard for the English.

Carries things with a high hand—the poker player.

Most women regard bachelors as good husbands gone to waste.

It seems funny that people go to the salt ocean for fresh air.

The arm of the law wouldn't be complete without handcuffs.

The tight-rope performer follows one of the uncommon walks of life.

A strike shouldn't cripple a brewery. The hops would still keep working.

A work on chiroprapy wouldn't be of much use without plenty of foot notes.

We don't see what use the dairy dame who keeps a diary has for a dairy diary.

White hairs make some people feel as if they might as well give right up and dye.

There may be no such thing as a round square, but we often walk around the square.

Some 'aristocrats' are prouder of their families than their families are of them.

A woman with a telephone in the house needn't always dress up to receive callers.

### Corner Stone Laying.

Sunday afternoon the corner stone of the new Petriken Hall, being erected by the W. C. T. U., on High St., will be laid with appropriate ceremonies. A choir and orchestra will render some special selections. The following pastors will assist: Scripture Lesson—Rev. Brown (Evang.); prayer—Dr. Laurie; short addresses by Revs. Shriver and Holloway. "Laying of the stone"—by the Masonic ceremony; "Placing of the Stone"—by the president of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. John P. Harris. The box will contain a sketch of the donor of the lot, Miss Mollie Petriken, dec'd., a list of all contributors to the building; copies of local papers etc. Prayer by Rev. Perks and benediction by Rev. George I. Brown.

The building is being rapidly pushed along and will be under roof before the cold weather sets in. We have given descriptions of this building heretofore but can say again that it is 60x122, four stories high, pressed brick with brown stone trimmings. In addition to rooms for the W. C. T. U. and public library, the upper portion will be finished so as to provide desirable apartments for about five families, the income of which it is estimated will more than meet all current expenses.

### Foot-Ball.

Saturday afternoon the Bellefonte Academy foot ball team defeated the Williamsport High school at the fair grounds, this place, by a score of 13 to 0. The Williamsport boys were unfortunate as Weiss had three ribs broken, Kline, shoulder blade broken in two places and Campbell sustained internal injuries. How many of them sustained injuries and bruises that later may cause serious complications time alone will develop. This is foot ball, and the dangers attending the game will never hinder young men from playing. Boys are bold, daring and full of surplus energy, and foot ball heroes are ideals they admire. The question of impaired health or permanent injuries or deformities have no consideration at this period of their lives.

The same day the Bellefonte High school defeated the Lock Haven High school, at the latter place, by a score of 11 to 5.

### Opening Reception Y. M. C. A.

On Friday, Nov. 1st, the Young Men's Christian Association rooms will be formally opened. The building has been thoroughly renovated and improved and the lot in the rear has been nicely leveled and affords an excellent place for tennis, basket-ball, hand-ball, etc. From 2:30 until to p. m., music will be provided and dainty refreshments will be served. Everybody is invited to come and inspect the building. Sunday, November 3rd, in the afternoon a meeting for men only will be held, and in the evening the churches will unite in mass meeting in the interests of the Association. Mr. S. M. Bard, of Harrisburg, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., is expected to be present and speak at both of the above meetings; place of which will be announced later.

### Autumn Arbor Day.

Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has designated tomorrow, Friday, October 25, as autumn Arbor Day. The superintendent requests the teachers and pupils of the public schools throughout the state to observe the day by the planting of trees and by other suitable exercises.