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Writes a Letter on Recent Party Deals

WHY COL. REEDER WON OUT

In the Game of Politics Some Peculiar Deals are Made—Chambers' Trick—Dale's Gold Brick—Quigley's Job in Danger

One of the rules in all well regulated newspaper offices is that no communication be recognized which is not accompanied by name of the writer. That is a necessary precaution to insure no imposition. No matter how good the rule may be, there are times when an exception can be made, and in the following article we depart from custom. We do not know the author's name. The article was brought to our sanctum, by a reliable citizen of the North Ward, who assured us that it was from the pen of a "prominent republican" who did not care to gain notoriety and was assured that the article was carefully prepared and is "alright."

Editor Centre Democrat:

What settled the Republican Chairmanship fight?

For some time this question has been the subject of conversation and argument on the part of some of my Republican friends. Have they found the solution at last?

Reeder, Chambers, Clem Dale and Quigley had announced themselves as candidates for the leadership of their party. It was thought by all who knew these gentlemen that the time had come when the bitter feelings, which had been held in check during the lifetime of the late General Hastings by his management, had come to the surface for a final struggle.

Reeder, who has always posed as the party boss (when Hastings was away), had no time for any of the others. Chambers and Dale were never consulted as to any of the party policies, and Quigley was allowed to act as a clerk until the boss felt that he was beginning to know too much when he was kicked out by the dissolution of the law firm.

A week or so went by with the four candidates in the field when suddenly, without warning and apparently without consulting their friends who had begun to line themselves up for a hot fight, the Reeder influence was supreme and the other candidates withdrew, leaving their friends in the lurch.

Without seeking to discover the guiding hand which directed the final result or without considering the fact that the Republican bosses expect to sacrifice everything this fall for the success of their judicial candidate, it might be well to consider what arguments could have been used with Messrs Chambers, Dale and Quigley to induce them to sacrifice their feelings and their friends.

Col. Chambers, of Governor Pennypacker's staff, also held a position under the state government which I know is a sinecure. He was an applicant for re-appointment. Perhaps some of us remember Quay's telegram to Chairman Reeder about Centre county appointments? Had Reeder failed to endorse his friend Chambers, and did he come to time at last? At any rate the day upon which the re-appointment of Chambers was announced I noticed Chamber's withdrawal from the fight. It is rumored also that a gentleman, distinguished in national politics, advised the worthy Colonel that a fight might hurt the party's chances in Centre county this year.

Clement Dale's candidacy was evidently to pave the way for the announcement of brother Al. For Assembly in recent issues of the Republican newspapers. For some time it has been understood that Knicely and Womelsdorf were slated as the legislative candidates, but the Dales have butted in and sent things flying and now Al. claims that he is to be given a chance to get back that thousand majority which snatched him under twelve years ago, and John Knicely is to be sidetracked. If the bosses keep their promises, of course the Dale stock will be way above par,—but the Dales have bought many gold bricks, in my recollection, from the same combination.

And what about "Poor Quigley," what was the matter with him? Why should he give in so peacefully to his dear friend, Reeder? Could it possibly have been because he held a Federal position, like Wash Rees, in last spring's campaign, and Scranton interfered? Or was it because, holding the semi-judicial position of Referee in Bankruptcy, the appointment having been made under such a non-partisan judge as Archibald, Quigley himself felt that it would be a stain on his judicial ermine to drag it through the mire of partisan politics?

The judiciary is very clannish, and often come to each other's aid in personal matters, but of course the present judge of this county was never accused of dictating the policy of the Republican party, at any rate not so long as Hastings was alive.

It was a beautiful exhibition of political bossism, whichever way we may look at it, and the Republican party of Centre county, or what will be left of it after next November, has evidently found a boss who will run things to suit himself no matter whom it may hurt.

This horse-play among the little politicians in our party is amusing to me. When hauling on the farm, when I was a boy, if a team would not pull, we used to charge them around, sort of break the combination, and with a good cart whip soak it to 'em. The latter medicine is what some of our "wheel horses" (rather bullsheads) need—a good soaking—to make them quit this nonsense.

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STATE FISH DYING AT ST. LOUIS.

Alum in the Water Has Wrought Destruction in Pennsylvania Exhibit

Fish Commissioner Meehan has received advices from St. Louis that the fish sent from the Pennsylvania hatcheries to be placed on exhibition at the Louisiana Purchase Exhibition have been dying very rapidly because the water in which they have been placed had been filtered by the alum process.

A car containing 7,000 fish of the different varieties raised in this state were sent out at the opening of the exposition, and only three of them died on the trip. It is now reported that all the specimens of trout, numbering about five hundred, died within forty-eight hours after the water had been changed on them, and the fish of other varieties are rapidly dying off.

The Pennsylvania Fisheries Department had intended to consign an additional carload of fish several days ago, but the fish authorities at St. Louis wired Commissioner Meehan to defer their shipment.

The above, of course, includes the large consignment of trout from the Bellefonte hatchery.

JOE SIBLEY AGAIN.

When Quay was in danger of being defeated for the U. S. Senate several years ago, Congressman Joe Sibley, then posing as a democrat, tried to persuade the democrats not to vote for Jenks. At the time it looked as though Sibley was a traitor in our camp. Now it comes from good sources that at that time Sibley and Quay had made a bargain, if Sibley would help Quay back to the senate later Sibley would be rewarded. Soon after Sibley became a republican and was prominently mentioned for Governor, but that failed. Now the programme is to have Sibley succeed Quay to the U. S. Senate. The Standard Oil Company would put up bootie, as Sibley is one of them—and a very crooked one too, who talks like a windmill, quotes scripture at any emergency, can adapt himself to any party, and do anything as long as Joe Sibley profits by it. We recognize his ability, but the penitentiary has some mighty smart rogues in it too. He is a politician without morals or conscience, and in many respects a more objectionable man than Quay.

If Joe Sibley goes to the United States Senate, it will be a victory for the Standard Oil Company.

August 20 Will Be Pennsylvania Day.

Governor Pennypacker has fixed August 20th as Pennsylvania day at the St. Louis exposition. It will be the anniversary of a battle fought by General Anthony Wayne against the Indians at Fallen Timbers, within the Louisiana purchase, and was participated in by Pennsylvania troops. The governor, members of the supreme court and other state officers will go in a body, and the Pennsylvania heroism in the early days of the Louisiana Territory will be crystallized in history, along with Pennsylvania's generous aid in making the St. Louis exposition successful.

Memorial Day Orators.

Hon. John G. Love will speak at Aaronsburg, 10 am.; and at 2 pm. at Rebersburg. Hon. P. C. Bowersox, of Middleburg, will speak at Millheim at 2 pm. Rev's Buck, Smith and Bixler at Madisonburg, 9 am. These exercises will be under the direction of Lieut W. W. Bierly, Post G. A. R. E. O. Irwin, pastor of the church of Christ, of Lock Haven, will deliver the address at Eagleville. Judge Love will also deliver an address at Spring Mills, at 6 p. m.

Gets The Rats Drunk.

Henry Weidman, the blacksmith, near Mount Joy, who is greatly annoyed with rats, discovered a new and novel plan to capture the destructive rodents. He soaks grains of wheat in whisky, which he then spreads around for them. The rats eat the wheat freely with a relish. The result is that the rats get to be so drunk that they are an easy prey, and in this way he has been able to destroy a number of them.

Bad, Bad Boys.

Several boys of reasonably tender age were fined a dollar and a half each by the burgess of Tyrone, the other evening. The charge, sustained by evidence, was that of robbing back porch refrigerators of denizens on Lincoln avenue, of eggs, butter and so on. The eggs were banged against the sides of houses for the boys' amusement and the butter placed on the trolley track.

New Telephone Company.

An independent telephone company was organized last week in Snyder county with a probability of having four hundred telephones. Hon. G. A. Schoch, president of the Middleburg National Bank, was elected president of the company.

JAPANESE ARE ADVANCING

More Troops Landed on the Peninsula

JAPANESE CRUISER SUNK

Struck a Submerged Mine—Port Arthur Besieged and Likely to Fall—Japanese Armies Advancing to the Interior of Manchuria

During the past week no decisive engagements took place in the far East. There has been general activity along the coast while the Japanese army from the Yalu is gradually drawing nearer to Lioa Yang, where a fierce battle may be in progress at this time. Many small engagements have taken place, generally resulting in victories for aggressive Japs.

A surprise was sprung by an immense Japanese fleet approaching in the gulf of Liao Tung and effecting a landing far above Port Arthur on the western coast, not far from New Chang, which will enable them to strengthen their forces along the route to Liao Yang and Murken where the Russian armies are retreating and evidently preparing for a decisive engagement.

The port at Dany has been invested by the Japanese and large forces are being centered at that point, evidently for the purpose of joining in the final capture of Port Arthur.

All railroad communication for over fifty miles, on the Port Arthur peninsula, has been destroyed, bridges blown up, and roadbed dismantled beyond any possible repair. Thus the Russian garrison at Port Arthur is cut off. A land and sea attack is planned against the port to begin the latter part of the week and the Japs are willing to make great sacrifices in order to capture this famous fortress where the Russian navy has a large fleet.

JAPANESE CRUISER LOST.

While assisting in removing mines from a small bay near Dany, the cruiser Miyako accidentally struck a submerged mine, a terrific explosion followed resulting in the loss of the ship; only two killed. It was a fine vessel 314 feet long, of modern equipment. Last week the Japs lost a torpedo boat in a similar way and they are much grieved at what appears to have been carelessness.

Another report of the loss of a Japanese cruiser by a small aphtha launch creeping upon it at night and striking it with a torpedo, is unconfirmed.

Important to Supervisors.

Road supervisors in Centre county will find pointers in the following:

Fitzkee and Henry Burg, road supervisors of Lower Windsor Twp., York county, were found guilty of neglect to keep a public road in proper repair. Judge Stewart sentenced each to pay a fine of fifteen dollars and to pay the costs of prosecution. Judge Stewart said that it was the sworn duty of the supervisors to keep the roads in good condition. They must have no fear of the consequences, either political or otherwise. They should not be deterred from their duty because the performance of it might necessitate an increase in taxes, nor because the employment of labor by them might complete with the farmers in their hiring of farm hands, he said that supervisors have the power to raise enough taxes for their purposes and that they are bound to hire the necessary labor, like other business institutions, even if they had to pay laborers ten dollars a day. Just so.

WHY IS IT?

Recently the Y. M. C. A. of Lock Haven erected a fine gymnasium. They sent up to Bellefonte and employed Architect Robt. Cole to furnish a design. He did it up to their satisfaction, the plans were accepted and building was erected. Mr. Cole's bill was \$50, but he generously turned around and subscribed \$50 for their building fund. When the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. wanted plans for a gymnasium they went way down to Philadelphia for an architect, accepted his plans, and the building is being erected. His bill will be much larger and if he would imitate Mr. Cole throughout even as a subscriber, it would be clever.

The point we make, why should we go out of town for an architect, when other towns come here for one?

At the Standard Scale Works in Beaver Falls a talking scale designed for railway stations and hotels has been perfected. It is on the nickel-in-the-slot principle, but instead of a dial to register the weight when a person steps on it and drops in a nickel, it will, by means of a phonographic attachment, call out the weight in a loud voice. By another attachment the scale will cry "no good" when a slug or piece of spurious coin is dropped in the slot.

ABOUT PENSIONS.

Writing on "Our Enormous Pension Bill" in the World's Work, Robert Lincoln O'Brien relates some interesting stories. This writer says that a case is well authenticated of a man drawing a pension for deafness incurred in the service when his playmates remembered that this infirmity was so pronounced in boyhood that he always sat in the front seat at school, and was even called by them "Deafie." Of course, no one can say that this infirmity may not have been greatly accentuated by war service. The story of a man who applied for a pension for injuries received by "taking fright at a false alarm" has become classical. In the old Gulf States, where colored veterans and a few Northern people are about the only Federal pensioners, the desire to get at the Federal Treasury is no less strong. "I had a man come to me," relates an Alabamian, "to say that he wanted to get a general law pension for injuries really received from being thrown out of a buggy at Racine, Wis., ten years after the war. He acknowledged that the procedure was not quite regular, but he justified his course by saying that it was only a question of time when every Union soldier would get a pension, and as he might not live to see that day himself, he wanted to take time by the forelock by getting his share now."

It is further related by this same writer that there is a true story of a man who drew a pension for total deafness on the certificate of an examining board and was subsequently discovered in charge of a telephone instrument. One man who was a pensioner on the score of total blindness was found reading newspapers and doing cabinet work; another man, officially certified blind by the United States Government, was encountered in a jewelry shop engaged in delicate mechanical tasks with a magnifying glass stuck in his eye. A man drawing \$72 a month because "he required the regular aid and attendance of another person" on account of his disabilities, was seen industriously painting the side of a four-story warehouse, having drawn himself up on a twenty-foot ladder, handling both the ropes without assistance. While these cases are, of course, exceptional, their existence even in rare instances is proof of defects in the medical examination system.

IMPROVED MAIL SERVICE.

The postoffice department announces an addition in the mail service for this section of the county, which is to go into effect at once, May 19th.

The noon passenger trains on the Baldegleyvalley R. R. heretofore only carried closed pouches with no mail clerk. The trains leaving here at 1:05 and 1:25 pm., between Tyrone and Lock Haven, going west and east, will hereafter have full mail service and it means that all points in the Baldegley valley can be reached from the county seat; This was needed long ago. On the Lewisburg road a mail clerk will be added who will leave on the 6:45 am. train and return at 4:20 pm.; this is conductor Reamer's train. Heretofore this train carried only closed pouches between certain points. It is likely that Robert Sechler will take this run and move here. For many years he lived at Lewisburg and started from that place in the morning.

A FORECAST.

There is considerable speculation among knowing politicians as to what the republicans will do on legislature. The four candidates are Phil Womelsdorf, of Philipsburg, John Haley, of Curtin, and John Knisley and Al Dale, of Bellefonte. It comes from good source that Al Dale will be given a place, as they can't afford to turn down Dale and his friends. John Dale of Curtin township, is another who will have to be recognized. For these reasons Womelsdorf and Knisley will likely be asked to be a little patient, take their turn next time. In order to satisfy Philipsburg's claims for recognition the nomination for prothonotary will likely go to that place. Dale and Haley are much alike in name and popularity and both have done much for the republicans of Centre county.

Moser Heirs Want Another Tract.

The heirs of Burkhardt Moser have sued the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company for another tract of coal land of 273 acres, and Judge Bechtol on Monday ordered the case to be tried next Monday. The new suit is for possession of what is known as the Matthias tract in Schuylkill county, and is valued at \$2,000,000.

Firemen's Picnic July 4.

The Good Will hose company of Lock Haven will hold a picnic at Agar's park, on July 4. Dancing and amusements including a ball game, sack races, etc., will be the order of the day.

GUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

A Chapter on Incidents During 1840

A VARIETY OF GATHERINGS

Military Encampment at Boalsburg—A Temperance Society Organized—4th July Celebration—Notes of the Political Campaign

On Monday, July 5th, 1840, the severest hail-storm ever remembered visited Bellefonte. The storm came from the northwest, and lasted one hour. Thousands of panes of glass were broken, and the wheat and grain in the neighborhood of town utterly cut up. Hailstones fell from the size of a hazel-nut to that of a walnut.

The military encampment held at Springfield, alias Boalsburg, October 18th was the largest and most imposing military spectacle ever witnessed in this section of the state. Col. Andrew Gregg was in command, with staff—R. C. Hale, lieutenant-colonel; William Burchfield and G. R. Barret, major; Capt. Belsel, adjutant. The reviewing officers were Maj. Gen. Abbott Green and staff, Brig.-Gens. A. P. Wilson and A. S. Wilson, accompanied by Colo. Burnside and Andrews, of aides to the Governor. The following Centre county companies were present: Penn's Valley Troop, Capt. George Buchanan; Pine Grove Troop, Capt. Bell; Washington Troop, Capt. Walters; Centre Guards, Capt. A. G. Curtin; Bellefonte Infantry, Capt. J. H. Morrison; Washington Infantry, Capt. Gregg; Washington Guards, Capt. Patton; Gatesburg Hornets, Capt. Featz; Nittany Riflemen, Capt. Coverly; Boalsburg Riflemen, Capt. James Dunlap; Marion Guards, Capt. Rissel, besides other companies from Mifflin and Clearfield counties.

Dec. 11th, the Washington Temperance Society of Bellefonte was organized. This was followed by organizations at Milesburg, etc.

James H. Rankin was president of the Washington Society of Spring and Bellefonte; George Welch, secretary. At a meeting on Christmas night songs were sung by John Montgomery, Wesley Lambert, and W. H. Butler, and addresses delivered by Hon. John Blanchard, Joseph T. Hall, Frederick Smith, Col. James Burnside, and committees appointed to organize societies at Boalsburg and Jacksonville.

The election in the fall of 1843 was remarkable from the fact that Gen. James Irvin, Whig, carried the county against George McCulloch for Congress, and Joseph P. Quay, Whig, was elected state senator. Haines, Gregg, and Miles townships remain, however, staunchly Democratic. James Dunlap, the Whig nominee, was elected county commissioner, and William Harris, Whig, county treasurer. James Macmanus, Esq., was the successful candidate for the Legislature.

The Fourth of July was celebrated by a great outpouring of the people to Bellefonte to political meetings. The Democrats, marshaled by Capt. J. H. Morrison, formed a procession headed by the Milesburg band. An arch made by the ladies, under which hung the portraits of Polk and Dallas, was next in procession; then came Governor David R. Porter and the officers of the meeting.—Judge Thomas Burnside, president; William Smyth, Sr., J. Thompson, Esq., William Ward, George Boal, C. Trezuly, John Gilliland, John G. Lowrey, John Neff, etc. The procession repaired to a grove at the west end of town, where a dinner was spread by Maj. Armor. There were three hundred and thirty-six voters in line. Col. James Burnside delivered an oration, and H. N. McAllister, Esq., read the Declaration of Independence.

The Whig procession was headed by Tutton's Bellefonte Band, Gen. George Buchanan, marshal, and repaired to the spring, where a dinner was served by the ladies. Gen. James Irvin presided, assisted by David Dale, James Potter, William Murray, Samuel Askey, Roland Curtin, Sr., Daniel Shank, George Brown, J. W. Richards, George Zimmerman, Thomas McCalmont, Daniel Weaver, Hamilton Humes, vice-presidents; Sam'l R. Patton, Daniel Keller, Jacob Baker, secretaries. Maj. George S. Armstrong read the Declaration, and Dr. J. M. Thompson delivered an oration. The venerable Judge Charles Huston also made an address, and was followed by A. G. Curtin, Esq.

The Democratic ticket in 1844 was for Congress, Dr. Joseph Henderson; As-

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

THE BACHELOR'S WISH.

Wanted a wife,
To sweeten life,
By a bachelor young and healthy;
I do not care,
So the lady be fair,
How poor she may be or wealthy.
She must not be tall,
Nor yet very small,
But beautiful, gentle and airy;
With eyes that are bright,
And a heart that is light,
And one who can bridle her tongue.
With a soul full of love,
And as pure as a dove,
And a form that is slender and airy
With a voice like a bird's,
Though of not many words,
And as light on her foot as a fairy.

And when I can find
One just to my mind,
Who'll love me sincerely and ever—
I vow not to leave her,
Nor harm her nor grieve her,
Till death shall the pair of us sever.
—Alfred Wheeler.

A HAPPY DAY.

A heart full of thankfulness,
A thankful of care;
A soul of simple hopefulness,
An early morning prayer.
A smile to greet the morning with;
A kind word as the key
To open the door and greet the day,
What'er it bring to thee.
A patient trust in Providence,
To sweeten all the way,
All these, combined with thankfulness,
Will make a happy day.

The roof garden is a tip-top idea.
Bonds of matrimony do not always bear interest.

When a man isn't square the fact will soon get 'round.

A girl should at least return a fellow's love if she has no use for it.

Whisky won't make a man drunk unless the whisky itself is drunk.

The jailer seriously objects when his prisoners make themselves too free.

The fellow who shoots off his mouth never seems to run out of ammunition.

It isn't because the dentist is despondent that he always looks down in the mouth.

PUMPING STATION LEASED.

On Monday evening council acted on the new pumping station at Reynolds mill of which considerable has been said in former issues. Mr. Kirk made a report in which he urged council to rent the property and the motion was carried without a dissenting vote.

Under the terms of the agreement Col. Reynolds leases the entire mill property to the boro at an annual rental of \$1,500 a year, the boro to release him from taxes on said property. Out of the first years rental Col. Reynolds is to contribute \$1,000 towards the installing of the plant. The plant is guaranteed to keep up to 65 horse power and Col. Reynolds is to keep it insured. In case of fire rendering property useless to council, no rent is to be charged until it is put back in running order. This is one of the most important acts of any council of recent years and is certainly one that will result in an immense saving, to the boro.

This proposition has been carefully calculated and it is believed will prove a great saving to the boro. In this connection we mention that the new water wheel and pump is being put in at the Water Works by J. H. Lingle and that by the end of the month will be ready for steady work. The contract calls for this pump to handle about 100,000 gallons per day, but it is predicted that it will go far beyond that, may reach 140,000.

No other business of special importance was transacted at this session.

Going To DuBois.

The Lock Haven Express is responsible for the following: James A. Feidler is to be city editor of the DuBois Morning Journal, which makes its first appearance on Monday next 16th. Mr. Feidler is a graduate of the Central State Normal school of this city and a newspaper man of fine ability. His wide experience in newspaperdom, coupled with his skill in wielding a ready pen and a nose for ferretting out the news, will doubtless manifest themselves in the columns of the new journal.

Under a recent act of Congress a large body of farm land in Minnesota will be sold on June 12 by the Government. The tract comprises 255,000 acres of fertile land, and will be sold under the Homestead law to actual settlers, in quarter sections of 160 acres. Here is another chance for people who find land too dear in the East.

In the Altoona shops several hundred workmen were discharged. The same thing has been done about Chicago on various railroad lines. The iron market shows a decided decline. These things may indicate a dull period.