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MILLER GOT MUCH BUT WANTS MORE

Knocked Coms. Thos Fisher out of a Second Term

ALWAYS SEEKING AN OFFICE

Got Over \$20,000 From the Public Crib--Time for Him to Side-step --Give Someone Else a Chance--There are Others

Six years ago the late Matthew Riddle of Spring twp., and Thos. Fisher, of Union twp., were on the Republican county ticket for the office of commissioner. Both men went through a hard campaign requiring much personal effort, and entailed heavy expenses. Both were seeking a re-election. The democrats elected their ticket, and Mr. Riddle, having the largest vote on his ticket, was the minority member of that board; and Mr. Fisher missed the second term. Mr. Riddle soon after took seriously ill and survived only about two months.

Under all that is fair among men, having fairly won the nomination at the primaries and having spent his time and money in that campaign, Mr. Fisher was entitled to have the appointment as Mr. Riddle's successor. He made the fight and deserved it—in fact almost everybody conceded that much to him, except a few politicians in Belleville. They did not like Mr. Fisher because he had been a friend of Gov. D. H. Hastings. It was at this time that Abraham V. Miller stepped in, and in order to prevent Mr. Fisher from securing the appointment for a SECOND term became an applicant himself. Judge Love then was on the bench and, in order to "put the hooks" into the Hastings crowd, appointed Abraham V. Miller over Mr. Fisher's head. Judge Love regarded this act, and the public so accepted it, as a slap at the Hastings people and a personal political triumph, because Mr. Miller always fought Hastings. This appointment came to Mr. Miller without the expense of securing a nomination at the primaries, or the trying ordeal of passing through a fall campaign. Thus he became commissioner at little or no cost or effort, and practically had a full term. He secured a second term by reelection. His salary approximates at least \$6,000 for those two terms, with other pleasant incidentals included; give him three years more and it will be \$9,000. For a number of years he was storekeeper at the Pleasant Gap distillery receiving as much as \$4 per day, which gave him a thousand or two more from a political position. He also draws a good pension, to which no one should raise an objection. All will aggregate near \$20,000 that has been drawn from public funds by Mr. Miller. In addition, he was a candidate for prothonotary; then ran for sheriff, and, being defeated, with others made oath to irregularities in the vote and Judge Love granted his petition for a contest for the office to which W. M. Cronister was honestly elected. The ballot boxes were opened and nothing dishonest was found to support Miller's oath and the court had to concede to Mr. Cronister the office which belonged to him. How about the costs? The court, in the face of the unsupported oath, and unwarranted allegations, took care of Abraham V. Miller by saddling all the costs on the taxpayers of this county.

Where is the man in all Centre county who has been the recipient from the public of as much? Where is the republican in Centre county who has asked for as many offices? Storekeeper at the distillery, Deputy Revenue Collector, Prothonotary, Sheriff, and now wants the THIRD TERM as County Commissioner? There are plenty of good, competent, deserving, citizens in Centre county—the woods are full of them. County offices are more or less of a public favor or gift, and when a man has had his share, he should gracefully step aside and show consideration for others.

If Mr. Fisher could not have his SECOND term, wherein is Mr. Miller entitled to a THIRD term?

A New Swindle.

Here is a new swindle that is being worked with the farmer and those wanting to dispose of real estate. A farmer receives a letter asking him to list his farm for sale. According to the blanks furnished, the farmer asks the firm to try to sell his place, and agrees to pay the firm fifty cents an acre when they have fulfilled their part of the agreement. On close examination it is found that the firm agrees to do nothing but advertise the farm, and nothing is said as to how, what extent or where it will be advertised. Whenever the advertisement is done the commission is due, whether a purchaser is found or not. Farmers who have signed this kind of a contract have been advised by their attorneys to settle the best they can and err no more.

BERRY MEETING.

A public rally will be held in the Court House, at Belleville, on Wednesday evening, October 18th, to hear the issues of the campaign discussed. For this occasion the following distinguished gentlemen will be present:

HON. WM. H. BERRY.

Mayor of Chester, Pa., candidate for State Treasurer, who is the nominee of the Democratic, Prohibition, and Lincoln Parties this year. He will tell you how the money of the people is used by the present Gang for personal profit. He is worthy of any man's attention.

HON. A. A. STEVENS.

of Tyrone, an eminent attorney, and successful business man; he also is one of the leading Prohibitionists of this state. He will tell you why every Prohibitionist should join in the war against corruption in this state.

HON. R. SCOTT AMMERMAN.

A noted and forceful speaker, of Danville, will also be present.

No matter how you vote and think, you will be welcome at this meeting.

A special return train, after the meeting will be run to Pine Grove Mills, over the B. C. R. R. and special rate will be given to all coming to Belleville on the evening train.

AN EXPLANATION.

In an article last week reference was made to P. H. Garbrick as delegate from W. P. Spring twp., in the 1902 democratic convention—instead, it should have been J. S. Carson, delegate from N. P. Spring twp.

A reliable school director from Spring township called in reference to the same article. He stated that their Board changed some text books recently because the old books were worn out; the books adopted, while a change was made, were chosen entirely on merit, and that no individual member from any motive, was able to direct or influence the board in this action. We are pleased to have this correction made, in justice to the Board and citizens of the township as well.

Monument Being Erected.

Monday morning mechanics began active operations for the erection of the Soldiers Monument at this place. Several carloads of granite were already on the ground and it will require at least nine more carloads to complete the shipment. Some of the pieces weigh over two tons and for assembling and setting a heavy derrick is being constructed. J. E. Roche, of Westery, R. I., is superintending the work, and calculates that it will require two months to finish the monument for unvailing, which will bring it near to the holiday season. The work will be done by local mechanics under his direction. The ceremony attending the unveiling will be a memorable event in the history of our town.

New Store at Philipsburg.

The Central Trading company is about to open a fine department store in the Odd Fellows building in Philipsburg. S. E. Troy will be the manager of the new store. Hon. S. R. Peale, of Lock Haven, has spent the past week in Philipsburg organizing the movement. A branch railroad will be built to the new One Mile Run coal field and this will give quite a business boom to Philipsburg. The Central Trading company now have eight stores and will soon start four more besides the three which are operated by St. Benedict Co.

Will Eat a Cabbage Worm.

Prof. Surface of State College will prove that the cabbage worm is not poisonous. Should anyone be possessed of the belief that the cabbage worm is poisonous if taken into the human stomach all that is necessary is to take such a worm to State Zoologist Surface. He is ready to eat the worm to disprove the belief. It is not likely that such an insect is an especially appetizing tidbit and Professor Surface's mastication of it, should this be necessary, will be only to show that the belief that it is poisonous to the human system, which is widely entertained, is fallacious.

Work Booming.

Operations out at the Whiterock quarries near Pleasant Gap, are moving along at a smart pace. The roadbed for the track is nearing completion and next week the track layers expect to commence laying the ties and steel rails. Two of the kilns are finished ready for the ironwork, two others are building and the foundations for two more are under way, making six in all. Orders have been placed for steel trestling and will soon be here.

They expect to have the kilns fired up before the cold weather sets in.

IMPORTANT MOVE IN STATE POLITICS

"Stand by the Gang" or for Good Government

ISSUES ARE CLEARLY DEFINED

Men who Stand with Mayor Weaver--Revolt Against Grafters Sweeping Over the Country--Don't be Fooled --Honor Against Corruption

Every year our citizens are becoming more independent in their mode of thinking and voting. That was demonstrated last fall when the national ticket carried this county by over 1300, and at the same time, on the opposite ticket, democratic nominees were elected by from 200 to 1100 majority—a difference of 2400.

That Philadelphia is notoriously "corrupt and contented" has become a by-word throughout the nation; while the records of recent sessions of our state legislature are quoted far and wide as the worst form of vicious gang rule, the looting of public funds, and venal legislation known in this country. All this is well known, repeatedly has been set forth in public print, and proven in our courts. And all this has been accomplished by the political gang which has captured and controlled the republican organization in Philadelphia for years. The leaders of this gang are Senator Penrose, Ex. Durham, Lane, McNichols, Martin and others. There remains but one leading paper in the great city of Philadelphia, "The Inquirer" that supports these political brigands—the Press, North American, Record, Ledger and others are making a noble appeal to independent voters to rally at the polls to wipe out this blight that has fastened itself on that great city and the old Keystone State. Nearly all the prominent ministers in the once moral Quaker City, from their pulpits are hurling thunderbolts at this gang of political marauders, and appealing to the manhood of her citizens to strike now for honest elections and good government.

A republican Mayor, John Weaver, a fearless, bold man, has revolted and with him are many local republicans of national fame like Ex-Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, Hon. Wayne McVeagh and others—better and truer republicans than these never lived—are laboring to wipe out this evil in political and civil life by the election of men on an independent ticket.

It is not forgotten how Penrose's gang tried to steal that city's gas works. It is not forgotten that about 40,000 false registrations were unearthed on the voting lists. It is not forgotten that contracts on streets and filtration plants contained clean steals of millions, all of which has been fully set out in endless detail—of which Durham, McNichols and others were the beneficiaries. Mayor Weaver's campaign has exposed and checked all these iniquities.

Elihu Root, now in President Roosevelt's cabinet, denounced these men as a "Corrupt and criminal combination masquerading as Republicans." President Roosevelt has directly complimented Mayor Weaver and thereby endorsed Root's statement. Vice-President Fairbank's positively refused to go to Philadelphia to speak for the Gang ticket. Senator J. B. Foraker, after making an appointment for a speech in Philadelphia, on Monday canceled the date; was not willing to lend his aid or forfeit his manhood by identifying himself with such a gang.

But here in Belleville we have a man who makes pretensions to decency and high political morality, who, through his paper, the Gazette last week denounced all that Mayor Weaver has done in behalf of Philadelphia and upholds what Elihu Root has branded a "corrupt and criminal combination."

The Philadelphia situation applies directly to the state ticket, for the Philadelphia combination controls both Philadelphia and state as well. Plummer was their tool in the last legislature and for his willing and faithful services they want him in control of the our State Treasury, where public monies are handled. He is just the man they need.

The Lincoln Party is an open revolt of leading republicans over the state to prevent Plummer's election. Here in Centre county there are numbers of patriotic republicans who will be found in the Lincoln party battling for a higher standard in public life.

The independent thinker and voter, the patriotic man who loves his country, is the one who thinks for himself and acts as his conscience prompts and will be the one to help crush this "corrupt and criminal combination" this year.

The exposure of corruption and graft is becoming the sensation of the hour. Far up in Wisconsin, way down in Missouri, noble men have won great victories for the people. The war on grafters has

come east like a tidal wave and promises to purge our great cities and this state.

Corruption and graft in insurance has started the world and prison bars now are extending to all these, open arms and hospitable homes.

The crusade against corruption and graft in public office now is on, and we believe the moral side of every true man and patriotic citizen will prompt him to join in winning, for the people a great moral victory.

A BIG FAIR.

The managers of the Centre County Fair are pleased with the results this year. The weather was the most favorable and the attendance the largest ever known. Thursday there were at least 2,000 people on the ground, while Wednesday and Friday combined, about the same number.

The races were the best ever put on the track and on Friday "The Judge" owned by R. J. Gaffney, of Bedford, in the free-for-all lowered the track record to 2:13 1/2 also took first money.

While a driver was exercising his horse prior to the start of the free-for-all, Mrs. Wm. Cartright and her sister, Mrs. Spurgeon McCauley, both of Bellwood, Markgrafschaft, Germany, was pastor in charge. The new congregation was at once added to the Aaronsburg charge of which Rev. Ilgen was pastor and who acceptably and faithfully ministered to this people until the time of his death which occurred August 20, 1823. The remains of this sainted servant of God rest in the Lutheran cemetery at Aaronsburg.

After its organization the congregation worshipped in the old Presbyterian meeting house a short distance north of Penn Hall. This building having become dilapidated, it was resolved to have it remodeled.

Accordingly in the year 1810 or 1812 the church building was renovated, furnished with pews and gallery and rededicated to worship of Almighty God.

This church was jointly owned by the Lutherans and Reformeds and was thus occupied as a place of worship for a period of about 50 years. During these years under faithful pastors, the congregation grew in numbers and influence and it was mutually agreed by the Lutherans to build a new church.

In the year 1860 during the pastorate of Rev. Joseph Welker this church building was completed. The building was a two-story brick and was situated about three-fourths of a mile east of Penn Hall on the north side of the pike. Here the congregation worshipped for about 44 years.

During these years many faithful and earnest servants of God were laid to rest whilst others were raised up to take their places. But once again occasioned by the constantly changing conditions, the congregation determined in the fall of 1903 to erect a new house of worship and locate in the village of Penn Hall.

Accordingly in the summer of 1904 under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder, ground was broken for the new church and the cornerstone laid with appropriate exercises, October 2. Rev. F. L. Bergstresser, pastor of the Lutheran church at Tyrone, Pa., preached the sermon and otherwise, together with Rev. D. M. Wolf, D. D., of the Reformed church, assisted in the exercises. Since the laying of the cornerstone the work has steadily gone forward only interrupted by the severity of the cold of the ensuing winter. The result of the work is set forth in the present beautiful church edifice. The church is of brick with two tower entrances, through one of which the auditorium is entered and through the other the auditorium adult Sabbath school room and infant room. The building is covered with a slate roof.

The inside consists of three rooms on one floor and may be thrown into one by means of folding doors.

The windows are large and of beautiful design. The ceiling is of natural wood and lends beauty to the interior. The building will be lighted by an acetylene gas plant and heated by a furnace in cellar. In this sketch it is impossible to describe the building in detail, but a most hearty invitation is extended to everybody to be present at the feast of dedication which will be preceded by a week of service.

The program is as follows: Monday, Oct. 9, at 7:30 pm., sermon by Rev. H. C. Bixler. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 pm., sermon by Rev. I. N. Bair. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 pm., sermon by Rev. J. M. Rearick. Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7:30 pm., sermon by Rev. J. I. Stonecypher. Friday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 pm., sermon by Rev. F. E. Lauffer. Saturday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 pm., sermon by Rev. J. B. Focht, D. D.

Dedication day, Sunday, Oct. 15, at 10 am., Rev. J. B. Focht, D. D., of Selinsgrove, Pa., will preach. Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., of Baltimore, Md., general secretary of the Board of Home Missions, will preach on Sabbath afternoon at 3 and also in the evening at 7:30.

It is expected that these services will be of more than ordinary interest and that dedication day will afford an opportunity to listen to men widely and favorably known.

AN IMPORTANT LETTER.

In this issue we copy a letter addressed to the Watchman and published by that paper last week. It is from one of Centre county's prominent and able citizens; a man who has been a life long loyal republican—but above all an honest patriotic citizen—John T. Fowler. Coming from such a man, who never was a political tool, or office seeker, and has no favors to ask or political foes to fear—a man of admirable integrity and fearless independence—such utterances should commend the thoughtful attention and consideration of all good citizens as a safe index of the signs of the times and duty of all citizens in this day and generation of notorious graft and official corruption. Again we say, read Mr. Fowler's letter—think over it.

Come and hear Berry next Wednesday evening.

HISTORICAL REVIEW OF CENTRE COUNTY

Sketch of Penns Creek Ev. Lutheran Church

IT WAS ORGANIZED IN 1801

Re-Dedication of This Church Takes Place Sunday, October 15th--Various Pastors who Have Served This Charge--Special Exercises

The dedication of the Penns Creek Evangelical Lutheran church at Penn Hall will take place Sunday, October 15. This church was organized over a century ago. The following sketch of the congregation was written by the pastor, Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder:

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

AUTUMN.

For THE DEMOCRAT.

The golden rod is yellow
The corn is turning brown;
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down;
The gentians bluest fringes
Are curling in the sun;
In dusty pods the milkweed
Its hidden silk has spun;
The sedges flaunt their harvest
In every meadow nook;
The asters by the brookside
Make asters in the brook,
From dewy leaves at morning
The grapes sweet odors rise;
At noon the roads all flutter
With yellow butterflies.
By all these lovely tokens
Autumn days are here
With October's best of weather,
And Autumn's best of cheer.

T. C. R.

ONE OR THE OTHER.

When peop e sing together much
Without a doubt it beats the Dutch
How souls take fire.
The singers all forget their parts,
The game is solely one of hearts
And many a pretty romance starts
Up in the choir.

But when to love they do not turn
Each other they are apt to spurn
With scornful ire.
A tale of wrongs each member duns,
All are accused of fearful sins
And many a lifelong feud begins
Up in the choir.

A swelled head indicates a contracted heart.
He who says nothing is never misquoted.

No man can preserve his dignity in alcohol.
Lots of people take offense when there is none in sight.

A smile that can be bought for a dime is soon swallowed.

A gift generally costs more than a thing you pay cash for.
Many a woman has lost an ardent admirer by marrying him.

The quarrelsome man is always satisfied with a fighting chance.
The dentist is one man who is always able to fill a long-felt want.

A man is apt to feel put out when he isn't able to pay his board bill.
Being good is very monotonous if it shuts off innocent amusement.

It isn't what your grandfather was, but what you are, that really counts.
What has become of the old-fashioned parent, who wanted his boy to learn a trade? There isn't a carpenter, mason, blacksmith or shoemaker apprentice in town, yet there is always a demand for good workmen in these days. There seems to be no end of boys who would sooner drive a delivery wagon or clerk twelve or fourteen hours in a store than learn a good trade.

An old woman living in Gardiner, Me., had occasion to call a doctor. He found her only slightly indisposed, and left a powder for her to take, with the following directions: "Take what you can get on a 10-cent piece every three hours." Next day the doctor found his patient alarmingly ill. "Did you take the powder as I directed?" he asked. "No, not exactly. I did not have a 10-cent piece, so I took what I could get on two nickels."

A teacher in one of New York's public schools, in the course of a lesson on "Natural History," was explaining to her class of boys the harm that had been done to the trees in the city by worms, and then went on telling how the English sparrows had been imported to kill the worms, and that the sparrows had increased so in numbers that they had become as bad as the worms. Noticing the boys were not very attentive, she said to one of them, "Tommy, which do you think are worst, the worms or the sparrows?" "I don't know," said Tommy; "I never had the sparrows."

Monumental.

A fellow coming up town and spying the huge derrick put up this week for hoisting the big stones for the soldiers' monument in front of the court house inquired, "what is doing there?" "They are commencing the monument," was the reply he got. "Going to build a wooden monument; I expected there was some trick in the wind."

Another case was that of a stranger, as he came up High street wondered what was being built at the court house, when a town wag told him the U. O. of R. B. were building a county bridge from the Diamond to the court house.

Pockets Picked.

Returning Thursday night from the Belleville Fair a number of Nittany valley farmers were relieved of their purses containing small sums of money, among the number being D. R. Wetzel, John Rute and L. W. Shuler, of Nittany valley. Somebody else whose name we could not learn, was touched for \$60, a rather large sum to be carrying at a fair. Barring these unfortunate occurrences, for which the fair managers were not responsible, the fair was a decided success.