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ANOTHER REBUKE FOR COUNCILMEN

Lessons Gathered From Tuesday's Borough Election.

PEOPLE DEMAND A CHANGE

The Wise Combination Overwhelmed After a Fierce Struggle—Done by Independent Voters—Economy and Reform Should Follow.

Tuesday was an ideal election day, and as a result a full vote was polled. One striking feature of local elections, throughout the county, is the growing sentiment for independent action. Party organizations do not hold their forces as steady for regulation tickets as politicians would desire.

The taxpayers induced Charles Shuey, a prohibitionist, to run on the Republican ticket. He practically made no effort for the office, remained at his place of business all day.

On the other hand the Wise element had a strong force at the polls from early morn until the last moment, capturing every floater in sight and made large hauls.

Despite all this, when the returns came in, it showed that while many democrats carried the ward, Wise lost it by 24. It simply was an expression of public sentiment, condemning the course of the last council in such strong terms as to be emphatic, and indicates that our people will have no more such work, and that the roosters and leeches in this town have had their day.

It means that Bellefonte wants economy in the council chamber, and not scheming politicians, political roosters and knockers. It also means an expression of confidence in the course of Councilman Kirk and all others who labored with him to protect the best interests of our town. It indicates a broad, non-partisan spirit in local affairs to be commended and encouraged. This should only be the signal gun for further reform movements in this borough. Every man who sympathizes with the idea should personally advise his councilmen what is desired and expected, and among other things there should be: no favors for friends, or factions; for every 100 cents expended \$1 value returned; no appointments except to sober, upright, competent, honest men; free competition in purchasing all supplies as well as disposing of surplus or junk. Clean out the favorites, rub off the barnacles. Get busy, councilmen. Give us an economical, business-like administration.

BOURGHO MAJORITIES were: Love, rep., overseer of poor, 187; J. K. Johnston, dem., tax collector, 82; Rankin, treasurer, 25; Mitchell, rep., auditor, 94. COUNCIL: S. W. Shuey, rep., 2; N. W. Hampton, rep., 1; W. W. Wagner, dem., 9.

THE BIG WEDDING.

Probably what was the most elaborate wedding ceremony in the history of our country, occurred at the White House, in Washington, last Saturday, when the president's eldest daughter and congressman Longworth were married. For weeks the public has read of the affair and so great was the interest manifested that the sale of Sunday papers containing the account of same surpassed all former records. The fact that the bride was the daughter of the president gave it all the notoriety and prestige. The affair was of world wide interest as rare and costly presents were tendered the bride by kings and rulers in all parts of world, and the ceremony was witnessed by the representatives of foreign countries located at the national capital, as well as prominent government officials and leaders in social life. It was a brilliant gathering, while the decorations and ceremony were in accordance. It eclipsed all former social events in the history of the White House.

The bride and groom are now in Florida, where they will spend their honeymoon.

The president's daughter is to be congratulated, that her prominence in social life never turned her head, and that she learned to love a true born American.

We hear that borough employees began buying groceries at Shuey's store early on Wednesday morning.

SEVENTH COUNT.

In The School Teachers Book Award in Centre County

Bellefonte, Pa., Feb. 21, 1906.

The following is the total number of votes cast in the Teachers' Book Award in the various Institute Districts in Centre county to this date:

First District:

- 1—Gregg, Haines, Miles, Millheim and Penn. M. T. Zubler, Gregg, 6434 C. C. Small, Miles, 4575 C. E. Kreamer, Aaronsburg, 1786 Wm. Lambert, Miles, 222 N. A. Cornian, Penn., 138

Second District:

- 2—Centre Hall, College, Ferguson, Harris, Potter and State College. J. H. Decker, Ferguson, 1752 H. C. Rothrock, Boalsburg, 1511 Cordelia Acker, St. Col. Boro, 1124 Miriam Dreese, Lemont, 417 Harry N. Walker, Ferguson, 251 Geo. R. Williams, College, 287 Marg't Keichline, P. G. Mills, 200 W. T. Wrye, Ferguson, 100 N. N. Hartwick, St. College, 76 Geo. Mothersbaugh, Oak Hall, 59

Third District:

- 3—Bellefonte, Besser, Spring and Walker. Walker Twp., High School, 2890 Daisy Barnes, Bellefonte, 1082 S. S. Williams, Spring, 944 Verne Allison, Walker, 735 Mabelle Norris, Besser, 694 Sara J. Walte, Bellefonte, 404 Anna McCaffrey, Bellefonte, 320 Eva Bathgate, Besser, 290 Lillian Reaick, Spring, 126 Belle Barnhart, Spring, 112 Wm. B. Kuhn, Besser, 108 Cyrus Hoy, Walker, 100 Earl M. Grove, Besser, 99 Luella Shook, Spring, 91 Francis Prey, Bellefonte, 51 Bessie Dorworth, Bellefonte, 50

Fourth District:

- 4—Boys, Curtis, Howard, Howard boro, Liberty, Marion and Milesburg. Vivian Snyder, Liberty, 1081 Fred Chambers, Bogs, 726 John Rickett, Bogs, 656 Mae Rober, Marion, 326 Curtin Grammar, 313 Maud Deitz, Curtin twp., 250 Goldie Cain, Bogs, 267 Scott Holder, Blanchard, 162 Irvin Noli, Milesburg, 103 T. Pletcher, Howard Twp., 100 M. F. Pletcher, Liberty, 9

Fifth District:

- 5—Half Moon, Huston, Patton, Taylor, Union, Unionville and Worth. Ernest Spotts, Port Matilda, 1615 Walter Harsberger, Union, 1249 Mary Erhard, Union, 408 J. W. Blair, Patton, 408 Harry B. Baisor, Waddie, 401 G. A. Williams, Worth, 27 Mattie Lucas, Union, 10

Sixth District:

- 6—Burnside, Bush, Phillipsburg, Snow Shoe and South Phillipsburg. Earnest Ardyer, Phillipsburg, 1253 Eliza Glenn, Snow Shoe, 1037 Ella M. Ward, Rush, 939 H. E. Leathers, Snow Shoe, 838 Eliza Fleming, Snow Shoe, 668 Grace Vallmont, Snow Shoe, 631 Jennie Graham, Snow Shoe, 556 Wm. Takash, Clarence, 200 Geo. F. Daugherty, Burnside, 124

W. D. ZEBBY, W. M. BOTTOFF.

Sample sets of the 20th Century Encyclopaedia have been placed at the following points in the county where the teachers are invited to call and carefully inspect each of the six volumes:

- BELLEFONTE, "Index" book store MILLHEIM, T. F. Meyer's store SPRING MILLS, C. A. Kraep's store BOALSBURG, Ishler & Harrison CENTRE HALL, Murray's Drug store BLANCHARD, Snow Shoe, H. A. Snyder SNOW SHOE, Sickles Drug Store PHILLIPSBURG, Crissman & Brown STATE COLLEGE, St. Col. Supply Co. UNIONVILLE, A. J. Greist's store HOWARD, Moore's Drug Store.

Premium Ballots.

In addition, we issue Premium Ballots at this office to all who pay for subscription on the following basis:

- 50 votes for 1 year on arrears. 100 votes for 1 year in advance. 100 Votes for every \$1 worth of job printing, secured during the contest. 200 votes for each new cash sub.

These votes have no time limit—can be held until the final count.

In any case where a transfer of subscription is made in the same family or household, during this contest, no coupons will be allowed.

20th CENTURY ENCYCLOPAEDIA

The Centre Democrat. NEWSPAPER BALLOT

No. 10, Feb. 22.

ONE VOTE FOR

Name of Teacher

(Carefully insert in line below name of town or township where teacher is employed.)

This ballot, if cut along the border (must include the date) and sent to this office inside of 30 days from above date, will be good for one vote. CHAS. H. KURTZ, Pub.

Clearfield is now seeking to land a silk mill.

ELECTION RETURNS FOR CENTRE CO.

Full Reports in Detail for Every District.

COPY OF OFFICIAL RETURNS

Much Independent Voting Was Done—Result on the New Road Law—Some Surprises in Bellefonte Boro—Each Candidate's Vote.

The following, for Tuesday's election, in Centre county, was compiled from the official returns made to the Prothonotary's office:

Bellefonte—N. W.

- Burgess, Jno I Curtis 297. Judge, S B Miller 198. Dan Heckman 192 Ins. Geo Williams 186. John N Laue 164 Sch Dr. W T Harris 22. Wm H Johnson 124 O of P. Jno D Love 29. W H Johnson 134 H Con. Leader Green 228. Tax Col. W C Cassidy 173. J K Johnson 164 Council. E Hays 72. S B Wagner 81 Treas. W B Rankin 109. J K Barnhart 135 Aud. J T Mitchell 213. Thos J Sexton 115

Bellefonte—S. W.

- Burgess, Jno I Curtis 327. Jno I Curtis 327 Judge, Thos Donachy 127. Geo Doll 127 Ins. Jas Fleming 147. Homer P Barnes 292 Sch Dr. W T Twitmore 196. A C Mingle 120 O of P. James R Laver 28. W H Johnson 14 H Con. Leader Green 302. Tax Col. W C Cassidy 145. J K Johnson 217 Council. E Hays 72. S B Wagner 81 Treas. W B Rankin 109. J K Barnhart 135 Aud. J T Mitchell 213. Thos J Sexton 115

Bellefonte—W. W.

- Burgess, John I Curtis 93. Jno I Curtis 93 Judge, Jno I Curtis 93. Jno I Curtis 93 Ins. Jas H Rine 85. A Luchenback 67 Sch Dr. W H Crissman 88. Oscar Wetzel 67 O of P. James R Laver 28. W H Johnson 14 H Con. Leader Green 102. Tax Col. W C Cassidy 76. J K Johnson 87 Council. E Hays 72. S B Wagner 81 Treas. W B Rankin 69. J K Barnhart 88 Aud. J Thos Mitchell 87. Thos J Sexton 67

Centre Hall Boro.

- Judge, Jno I Curtis 93. Jno I Curtis 93 Ins. C C Cook 77. Wm T Loder 44 Sch Dr. Z T Weirick 43. John Weber 49 O of P. Jno I Curtis 93. W H Johnson 14 H Con. Leader Green 102. Tax Col. W C Cassidy 76. J K Johnson 87 Council. E Hays 72. S B Wagner 81 Treas. W B Rankin 69. J K Barnhart 88 Aud. J Thos Mitchell 87. Thos J Sexton 67

Howard Boro.

- Judge, Frank Butler 92. Wm Weber 44 Ins. C C Cook 77. Wm T Loder 44 Sch Dr. Z T Weirick 43. John Weber 49 O of P. Jno I Curtis 93. W H Johnson 14 H Con. Leader Green 102. Tax Col. W C Cassidy 76. J K Johnson 87 Council. E Hays 72. S B Wagner 81 Treas. W B Rankin 69. J K Barnhart 88 Aud. J Thos Mitchell 87. Thos J Sexton 67

Milheim Boro.

- Judge, S R King 28. Frank Knarr 76 Ins. P H Shires 28. Harry T Frank 77 Burgess, F E Gutelius 41. A P Matze 74 Sch Dr. Z T Weirick 43. John Weber 49 O of P. Jno I Curtis 93. W H Johnson 14 H Con. Leader Green 102. Tax Col. W C Cassidy 76. J K Johnson 87 Council. E Hays 72. S B Wagner 81 Treas. W B Rankin 69. J K Barnhart 88 Aud. J Thos Mitchell 87. Thos J Sexton 67

Phillipsburg—1st Ward.

- Burgess, J W Stein 108. H W Todd 104 Judge, G W Hamer 178. G G Postgrave 88 Ins. H C Warfel 12. H W Taylor 117 Church Trustees. Mrs C G Avery 129. Mrs J A Walton 22 Miss L J Switzer 118. Miss Mollie Ward 69 Sch Dr. C T Fryberger 161. Al Walton 114 O of P. Jno I Curtis 93. W H Johnson 14 H Con. Leader Green 102. Tax Col. W C Cassidy 76. J K Johnson 87 Council. E Hays 72. S B Wagner 81 Treas. W B Rankin 69. J K Barnhart 88 Aud. J Thos Mitchell 87. Thos J Sexton 67

Phillipsburg—2nd Ward.

- Burgess, J W Stein 108. H W Todd 104 Judge, J T Boslich 133. W H Cole 80 Ins. T G Boslich 149. Wm Carey 66 Church Trustees. Mrs C G Avery 129. Mrs J A Walton 22 Miss L J Switzer 118. Miss Mollie Ward 69 Sch Dr. C T Fryberger 161. Al Walton 114 O of P. Jno I Curtis 93. W H Johnson 14 H Con. Leader Green 102. Tax Col. W C Cassidy 76. J K Johnson 87 Council. E Hays 72. S B Wagner 81 Treas. W B Rankin 69. J K Barnhart 88 Aud. J Thos Mitchell 87. Thos J Sexton 67

South Phillipsburg Boro.

- Burgess, M Stover 23. Isaac Smith 19 Judge, Jacob Heller 34. Jacob Heller 13 Ins. Thos Norris 28. Chas Frank 11 Aud. S G Williams 31. Samuel Williams 13

State College Boro.

- Judge, H A Sowers 91. S B Moore 25 Ins. P Rindy 95. T F Kennedy 40 Burgess, T T Osmond 93. J T McCormick 42 Council. W A Hoy 89. David Louck 49 Sch Dr. A F Markle 134. D G Meek 42 O of P. E D Shaw 81. Jno Snyder 87 Aud. J L Holmes 111. M Harvey 35

M'CALL DIES OF A BROKEN HEART

The Man Who Spent Millions of Insurance Funds.

Legal action against John A. McCall, former president of the New York Life Insurance Company, to recover \$148,702.50, representing contributions made to the Republican National Committee during his administration, is recommended in a report made to the Board of Trustees by the Fowler "House-Cleaning" Committee.

THE PENALTY HIS LIFE

Policyholders' Money Spent to Carry Elections, Bribe Legislators and Public Officials—Enormous Amounts Illegally Used.

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The report is supplementary to a report of the committee made last week, which recommends that action be instituted to recover more than \$1,000,000 alleged to have figured in dealings between Mr. McCall and "Judge" Andrew Hamilton.

McCall was a haughty, vain, high-strung financier. He made millions, somehow, on a \$100,000 salary, by handling insurance funds. When the famous insurance investigation began last April he was defiant, and surly; but when the probe went deeper and it was shown that he squandered money running into the millions, with freedom, that belonged to widows and orphans, to elect republican Presidents, bribe state legislatures, and enrich his relatives and friends, this proud financier was humiliated.

He was a millionaire, who lived in a gorgeous palace, had expensive stables and entertained like a prince, surrounded by all the luxuries that wealth alone could procure, collapsed when his crimes became public. He had all that wealth could procure, but he stood before the world exposed, a shamed, disgraced, and a great trust, was no better than a common thief, and all the world knew it.

Before that he was acknowledged as the foremost factor in finance, he enjoyed the confidence of the business world, and the esteem of his fellowman. At his disposal were millions—the savings of frugal men for the protection of their families—which he failed to carefully protect. His exposure came like a crash to his sensitive feelings; the man of fame and fortune now was despised by his fellowman.

His health failed by the recommendations of the above committee dethroned his reason, and for several days the mere wreck of flesh and blood, hovered by the portals of death; and on Sunday his soul was ushered into the Great Beyond.

Here is an object lesson—John McCall paid the penalty of his wrong-doing with his life. What was his palatial home, his art treasures gathered from foreign lands, his large estates, what was his career of brilliant achievements—what was it all—when compared with his final exposure, disgrace and consequent death—but an ill spent life. No matter how humble may be our station in life, this is a lesson that emphasizes the truth that "An honest man is the noblest work of God."

The following is the fate of some other brilliant men who could not resist the temptation to appropriate insurance funds which they were appointed to guard and protect.

J. W. Alexander, president of the Equitable, mental and physical wreck, James H. Hyde, self-expatriated in Paris.

Robert A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life preparing to follow Hyde. Robert H. McCurdy, preparing to follow his father.

Judge Andy Hamilton, a fugitive from justice on the Riviera. Thomas D. Jordan, in seclusion. Andrew Fields, in seclusion. Louis Thebaud, going to Paris. W. H. McIntyre, in seclusion. Geo. W. Perkins, reputation smirched. Chauncey M. Depew, damaged in reputation.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

Engineer Dead.

With throttle wide open and the driving wheels turning under full boiler pressure, an Erie locomotive pulling a fast freight train ran 25 miles Friday morning, passing through the city of Elmira, N. Y., with the engineer, J. H. Lesley, of Susquehanna, Pa., hanging dead from the cab window.

Lesley's head was struck, probably by a girder of a bridge, and his skull was crushed, causing instant death. Conductor Sickles saw that the engineer had disregarded a signal. He ran over the tops of the intervening cars, setting the brakes as he did so, reached the cab, and found the engineer dead. The fireman was unaware that anything was wrong, the locomotive being of the "Mother Hubbard" type.

The Two Cent a Mile in Ohio.

All forms of transportation except the regular two cent a mile rate provided by law will be cut off by the railroads in Ohio, according to a decision reached at a conference of passenger representatives of all roads with lines in that state.

It was agreed that by eliminating everything except two-cent fares the railroads could in a measure compensate themselves for the loss contemplated by the new rate law.

The action contemplated will deprive Ohioans of all reduced transportation for conventions, of the mileage books, of all charity business and of all round trip rates and clergymen's rates.

Class Suspended.

Down at Gettysburg the entire Sophomore class of some fifty members was indefinitely suspended and ordered from the institution. They had broken doors, windows and committed other acts of vandalism. The class determined to "strike" if several members were suspended, whereupon the faculty gave them a solar plexus before they knew what had happened. The institution can get along without them rather than sacrifice order.

Snyder Co. Grafters.

The County Commissioners of Snyder got in the junk business, too, just like some smart officials in this section. The lumber on an old bridge was sold by one of them for about \$400 and only 14¢ was turned over. The same commissioners were surcharged several thousand dollars on other accounts. They made a specialty of bridge building.

State Will Buy Quail.

Chief Game Protector Kalbfus has succeeded in arranging for the purchase by Penna. of 222 dozen Southern quails at \$9 per dozen—\$2,000 in all. These quail will be distributed throughout the state forestry reserve. None of these birds will be distributed on other than private lands and none can be secured for private distribution.

Ransacked House.

While Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kunes were absent from their home in Blanchard Monday evening, and while the temperance rally was in progress, one or more persons took the key, which had been hung on a porch post, and gained admittance to the house which they ransacked. Burnt matches were liberally thrown on the floor of the rooms up stairs and down, and bureau drawers indicated a search, but as Mrs. Kunes' watch was not taken, it would seem that money was the object, and of this they got none.

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