

REP. PRIMARIES WILL BE INTERESTING

Two Factions Will Contest For Political Prestige.

THE SITUATION OUTLINED

The Leadership in Centre County is the Issue, as Well as Control of Federal Patronage -- Candidates for the Bellefonte Postoffice.

During the past week there have been numerous dispatches in the daily papers in reference to movements in the local republican camp. Up to this time there has been little display, but different elements are manoeuvring for position, and some spirited work is promised at the finish.

The date for the republican county primaries has been announced for Saturday May 5th, two weeks distant. The nominations to be made are a Jury Commissioner, one candidate for the Legislature instead of two as heretofore; three Congressional conferees to the conference of the Twenty-first Congressional district, and three conferees to the conference of the Thirty-fourth Senatorial district.

Up to this time but one name has been announced for Congress, that of ex-Judge John G. Love whose candidacy has been so eagerly and anxiously advocated by the Gazette, for reasons known to all. His strong points have been set forth in such endless detail, and reiterated repeatedly until its anxiety has become amusing. This display of strenuous effort seems useless to the average reader, if a unanimous sentiment prevailed for his advancement. The fact is, should Love be unanimously endorsed by Centre county he would be a winner, even though he lost the nomination in the district. He could give his delegation at the conference to the nominee of the district and in turn be assured the leadership, rather the control of federal patronage, the appointment of postmasters, etc. in Centre county in the future, which is of considerable importance. That there is a strong following of prominent republicans in Bellefonte and throughout the county opposed to this program is evident. It came to the surface when the county organization was transferred from Phil Foster (Love's man) to Henry C. Quigley, Esq., a year ago.

There is opposition to Judge Love's congressional aspirations. In the past month Hon. Wm. Allison, of Spring Mills, has received many urgent appeals from over the county to allow his name to be presented for Congress. He is not a candidate, but may be prevailed upon to stand. In any event, the vote at the primaries, will show that the Love boom is not backed by the entire party.

For senatorial honors, the opinion prevails that Chairman Quigley, with the advantage of the party organization back of him, will easily overcome the Hon. Phil Womelsdorf, of Philipsburg, who, up to this time, has made little stir on this side of the county. Should Quigley succeed, it means that he and his friends will be the controlling element in the councils of that party, in the future, and will dispense the favors in the future among their friends. It means another test of strength between the Love faction and what is known as the Hastings people in this county.

The candidates to the State convention will probably be Dr. G. W. Dunwiddie, of Philipsburg; S. H. Wigton, Philipsburg, and ex-County Chairman Philip D. Foster, of State College. These delegates will likely go to the State convention unopposed for Governor. The Jury Commissioner will probably be Theophilus Fletcher, of Howard township. For Assembly no candidate has been announced, but it is possible, that Hon. John A. Daley, of Curtin twp., will consent to the nomination, as he is being urged by his friends.

At present there is more or less post-office talk about Bellefonte. The present incumbent's term expires in a year and a number of active aspirants are looming up. In the list are: T. H. Harter, editor of the Gazette, who appears to be booming Love especially with his own aspirations in view; Hard P. Harris, an active young republican in the North Ward; Archibald Allison, a life-long republican of some ward; Samuel H. Williams, an old soldier who has solicited this favor repeatedly, and has friends urging his claims; Wm. Chambers is favorably mentioned by certain republicans, and would have the influence of his brother Col. E. R. Chambers back of him. At present he is Postmaster Montgomery's deputy. While all these are figuring there is no assurance that W. W. Montgomery would refuse another term, and may get away with the whole bunch at the finish. It is conceded that the future postmastership in Bellefonte figures largely upon the success of either the Love element or the

Quigley people. That is the point in the coming Republican County Primaries and the voter can figure out what he wants and vote accordingly.

RIOT AT WINDBER.

Three Men Were Killed and Many Wounded on Monday.

A riot occurred at Windber, Monday evening between striking miners and others, and resulted in the shooting by deputies; three men were killed, Mining Engineer Eugene Delaney dangerously injured, a boy shot through the bowels, so that he will die, and several men were wounded. The affair took place in front of the Windber lock-up. A crowd of striking miners had assembled there, and among them came some men who held contrary views concerning the Windber situation.

The trouble started when Deputy Sheriff W. M. McMullen went to the mass meeting held by the striking miners in a woods at the edge of the town. Many of the miners had been drinking, and the sight of the deputy made them furious. The officer was quickly surrounded by maddened miners, who threatened to kill him. McMullen, realizing that his situation was desperate, fled for his life, finding refuge in the house of Councilman Charles Davis.

Practically every man who had gone to the mass meeting joined in the chase after the fleeing deputy, and soon after the latter had entered the Davis house it was surrounded by a mob of 2,000 shouting, cursing miners, who challenged McMullen to come out. When McMullen failed to appear, the mob attacked the house and literally wrecked it. The deputy sheriff was roughly handled, but again managed to escape. The members of the Davis family fled to the homes of neighbors for shelter. Other deputies who had been on duty guarding the property of the coal company had been notified of the trouble by this time, and 20 of the rioters were landed in the lockup at Windber.

PLAN ASSAULT ON JAIL.

The mob, headed by Paul Zills, then planned an assault on the jail with the purpose of releasing the prisoners. A great crowd of the strikers, with Zills at their head, marched to the centre of the town and prepared to storm the jail. The deputy sheriffs, fixed the bayonets on their rifles and surrounded the jail to keep it from the mob's possession, if possible. The members of the fire department were also called out to help restore order.

The foreigners were urged to abandon their lawless project and to leave the town, but inflamed by liquor, they refused to listen, greeting the efforts to pacify them with hoots and jeers. At a signal the mob began to close in on the jail, shouting to the deputies to throw away their guns and give up the prisoners.

The officers first tried to keep back the mob with bayonets, but the effort was ineffectual, and when it became certain that the little band of deputies and firemen could not stand before the howling, infuriated mob, they opened fire.

The Trout Season.

Monday was a busy day for fishermen all over the county as every stream of any note as a habitat for the speckled beauties was manned by an eager crew of anxious men and boys from early morn, till night. Owing to recent rains all streams were much swollen and the water discolored so that fly fishing was practically out of the question.

The bait fishers with plump white sawyers or tempting earthworms made fair catches. Here in Bellefonte fishermen were plenty and between this and Pleasant Gap no less than one hundred and twenty-five anglers were lined along the banks of Logan Branch, and at least five hundred trout were taken out of that stream.

Spring Creek, Hecla, Marsh Creek, Fishing Creek and other streams were worked hard.

The catches made were fair, probably better than last year, but not as large as in former years.

Attack Bridge Bills.

Up at Condersport when the County Auditors' report is published next week the bills paid by the former Board of County Commissioners for bridges, bridge views and road views will be attacked and surcharges amounting to \$1206 will be filed.

For the most part, the surcharges are made against former Commissioners D. A. Sunderland, Ross Young and Dana Drake. The latter two are dead. The bills of several prominent men for service as bridge and road viewers have been surcharged, as it is said that when the amounts these leading citizens have required for their services are made known to the public there will be a sensation.

It is remarkable in how many counties of the state scandals have arisen over bridge accounts.

EARTHQUAKE KILLS 1000 IN CALIFORNIA

San Francisco In Ruins and Still Burning.

THE EARTH SINKS TEN FEET

An Awful Catastrophe Visits the Golden Gate--Water Works Destroyed and City In Flames--Massive Buildings Tumble As the Earth Shakes.

The city of San Francisco was visited by a terrific earthquake on Wednesday that is leaving destruction in its path. Following the shocks that rent huge crevices and fissures in the earth flames have broken out, and to add to the peril, no water is available in the entire city. The fire is working towards the docks and not a drop of water is to be had as the water works have been rendered entirely useless. The districts between Market and Howard streets and extending from the bay to the city hall are badly wrecked. In some places the ground has sunk 10 feet and the greatest excitement and confusion prevails.

One thousand lives are reported lost and it is certain that the loss of life will be very great. The greatest mortality has been in the tenement district where the damage was extensive. The better residential sections have not yet been reached by the flames.

FIGHTING FLAMES WITH DYNAMITE.

Later report--San Francisco and Bay City both report that their losses from earthquake and the result of fire will reach into millions. In the former city, 100 buildings are now burning in the section raised by the shock. The fire in the business section is being fought with dynamite in lieu of a water supply, but there is little progress being made in checking the flames. From Montgomery street east to the water front the city is a mass of flames. Three hundred bodies have already been recovered from the ruins. At least fifty blocks in the heart of the city were either damaged or in ruins, which includes some of the finest structures in the city.

The first shock came at 5 o'clock in the morning. Reports show that the shock was heavy over an area of seven hundred miles, though the city was in central zone. The instruments at Washington were affected.

Three miles of railroad tracks settled to considerable depth between Suisan and Benella.

PUBLIC MEETING.

To Arrange for the Dedication of the Soldiers Monument.

There will be a public meeting of the citizens of Centre county in the Court House in Bellefonte, on Tuesday evening, April 24, 1906, at 8 o'clock pm., for the purpose of making arrangements to dedicate the monument and memorial on the 8th day of June next. To this meeting all citizens of Centre county are invited and it is hoped the attendance will be large.

The Old Soldier is fast passing away and the dedication of this monument and memorial to commemorate their deeds and services will be the last call made upon the citizens of the county for such purposes. It is hoped that love for the country they preserved, and the patriotism exhibited by our citizens on all such occasions will manifest itself greatly and that they will assist in every way possible to make dedication of this monument and memorial a great success.

Addresses will be made by Hon. John G. Love, Gen. James A. Beaver, Col. J. L. Spangler and other citizens.

JAMES A. BEAVER, of the Curtin Com.
W. H. MUSSER, of the Curtin Com.
J. I. CURTIN, of the Monument Assn.
JOHN A. DALEY, of the Curtin twp.
J. C. WEAVER, of the Curtin twp.
JOHN BAILEY, of the Curtin twp.

Women Rescue Woman.

Misses Bertha Bassinger, Emma Rippey and Mrs. Robert Cook struggled for half an hour in the turbulent waters of Bald Eagle Creek and barely escaped with their lives. The boat in which they were rowing ran against a sunken tree when in midstream and one of the girls jumped, throwing the others into the water. Two of the women succeeded in clutching the branches of the tree and held Mrs. Cook, who soon became unconscious, until all were rescued.

New Telephone Line.

N. E. Robb, of Bellefonte, and a crew of men surveyed the line between Beech Creek and Howard last week preparatory to erecting the poles for the line of the Bald Eagle telephone company which is to traverse the Bald Eagle valley between Curtin and Mill Hall, connecting with the system of the United Telephone & Telegraph Company, popularly known as the "Commercial." Work has been begun at Howard and the line will be working in a few weeks.

ANOTHER VOTING CONTEST.

Valuable Prize to be Awarded "Tom Pepper" the 2nd.

It affords us pleasure to announce that another popular award, of choice fruit, will be made by this paper in which the readers of the paper and the public in general can participate. The following are the conditions:

Our editorial friend across the way complains much last week accusing us of "poking the old board" of County Commissioners and concludes thus:

"The Democrat evidently does not know when to quit, and the public generally is very much disgusted with its jabbering."

Well now, Brother Harter, to please you, and for the sake of variety, permit us to quote some of the gems that fell from your pen but recently. There certainly will be no harm in that. By way of a text, on October 5th, 1905, this paper declared: "Our (county) finances are in such a condition that next year the millage must be raised to meet the existing indebtedness incurred by the present board."

In reply to the above the Gazette said, October 6th:

"It would be impossible to increase the taxes without increasing the millage which they (Miller and Bailey) have not done and will not do."

October 13th the Gazette again boldly declared:

"The Commissioners have not added one penny to the county tax and they will not * * * 3 mills is the county tax and it cannot be raised unless the millage is raised, which will not be done notwithstanding the predictions of certain newspapers."

November 2nd in large headlines this paper said: "Centre County in Debt--An Increase of 60 per cent in taxes Necessary" and then we gave data fully substantiating the assertion.

The Gazette, on Nov. 3rd, made the following sweeping denial:

"The Democratic papers this week come out with a declaration that Centre county is in debt--a thing WHICH THEY KNOW IS NOT TRUE, and which is a declaration they would not have made at a time which would give US an opportunity to refute it. * * * The county is not in debt, and will not get in debt under the present management, (of Miller and Bailey)."

At the time the above was penned the banks of the town carried illegal loans of these commissioners aggregating almost \$40,000. Think of it!

The people got disgusted then at Harter's "jabbering" and voted that board out of office, just four days later.

Now no offence is intended in quoting the above from the Gazette, nevertheless every prediction this paper made was absolutely true, as a \$60,000 loan was made recently by the county and the millage increased from 3 to 5 mills, owing to the debt created by Miller and Bailey--something Harter refuses to publish in the Gazette, hoping to keep it from his readers.

No wonder he gets "disgusted" upon hearing these facts which recall the deception he preached last fall, and anxiously pleads for us to "quit." In conclusion permit us to quote one more gem from the Gazette of November 3rd, which was applied to this paper: "YOU LIE! YOU KNOW YOU LIE."

Who was the liar? and who shall have the pipin for winning "Tom" Pepper's laurels.

One more quotation, as a fitting conclusion. Certainly no offence should be taken to the extracts below, they are part of a remarkable address delivered by President Roosevelt, in Washington, on Saturday:

"There are, in the body politic, economic and social, many and grave evils, and there is urgent necessity for the sternest war upon them. There should be relentless exposure of and attack upon every evil man, whether politician or business man, every evil practice, whether in politics, in business, or in social life. I hail as a benefactor every writer of speaker, every man who, on the platform, or in book, magazine, or newspaper, with mercurial severity makes such an attack, provided always that he in his turn remembers that the attack is of use only if it is absolutely truthful."

"The liar is no whit better than the thief, and if his mendacity takes the form of slander he may be worse than most thieves."

A Faithful Dog.

A two and a half year old child of Gus Myers, who resides along Jacks Mountain, Millin county, says the Sentinel, would now probably be dead had it not been for a faithful shepherd dog. The child being a good walker for one of its years, wandered from the house one evening several days ago without shoes or stockings. On missing the child the parents became alarmed and commenced to investigate, but no trace of the child could be found. Becoming dark, searching parties were organized, and the mountain searched the whole night long. About dawn the next morning one of the searchers stumbled over a dog near a clump of bushes. To his surprise the faithful animal was nestled completely around the child, which was almost unconscious from cold and exhaustion.

PRES. ROOSEVELT CAUSES SURPRISE

Advocates Radical Measures Against Enormous Wealth.

VOICES DEMOCRATIC DOCTRINE

Creates a Panic Among Republican Leaders and the Money Power--More Radical Than Bryan--Some Say it is Socialistic.

President Roosevelt, in his speech at the laying of the corner-stone of the office building for the house of representatives on Saturday added another number to his program of Democratic Reforms by advocating the imposition of a federal inheritance tax on "swollen fortunes." He also denounced the detractors of public men in the course of his talk on the "man with the muck-rake."

The address was a surprise to all. It was predicted that he would literally skin newspaper and magazine writers who have so severely criticised prominent men, and public officials. It was directly the opposite; he praised the man who handled the muck-rake, as long as he confined himself to absolute truth. The striking feature of his address however was when he assailed the accumulation of enormous wealth. The following is an extract:

ADVOCATES INHERITANCE TAX.

"It is important to this people to grapple with the problems connected with the amassing of enormous fortunes, and the use of these fortunes, both corporate and individual, in business. We should discriminate in the sharpest way between fortunes well won and fortunes ill won; between those gained in an incident to performing great services to the community as a whole, and those gained in evil fashion by keeping just within the limits of mere law honesty. Of course, no amount of charity in spending fortunes in any way compensates for misconduct in making them. As a matter of personal conviction, and without pretending to discuss the details or formulate the system, I feel that we shall ultimately have to consider the adoption of some such scheme as that of a progressive tax on all fortunes, beyond a certain amount, either given in life or devised or bequeathed upon death to any individual--a tax so framed as to put it out of the power of the owner of one of these enormous fortunes to hand over more than a certain amount to any one individual; the tax, of course, to be imposed by the national and not the state government. Such taxation should, of course, be aimed merely at the inheritance or transmission in their entirety of these fortunes swollen beyond all healthy limits."

This utterance fairly shocked the U. S. Senators, nearly all of whom were facing him and are enormously rich. In fact, prominent republicans all over the country are hot and cursing, but say little for publication. There is an undercurrent of bitterness toward the president for assailing ill gotten gain from which those campaign funds flow so freely.

Democrats approve and endorse all that the president said, for it is democratic doctrine, pure and simple. It is rank Bryanism, even stronger than anything the Nebraskan ever advocated. Some denounce it as socialistic doctrine and positively dangerous. Had Wm. Jennings Bryan advocated such advanced ideas, republicans would have shouted "Anarchy!" "Socialism!" This last step of President Roosevelt shows that he is an inconsistent republican and is developing into a Jeffersonian Democrat pure and simple. He stands for men and principle--not for the dollar and political spoils.

New River Bridge.

A new bridge will be built across the Susquehanna river, connecting Sunbury and Selingsgrove. It will cost \$225,000, and will be built by the York bridge company. The last \$25,000 subscription was taken on Saturday by the Middle Creek Electric Company, of Snyder county, who propose to furnish the power for a new electric trolley line to connect the two counties.

It is in order to say that the bridge and trolley system is a scheme due to the efforts of W. Boyd Musser, formerly of Bellefonte, now with the York Bridge Co., as a salesman. The bridge is regarded as a clever scheme and a profitable investment.

Repairs At Court House.

The commissioners will receive bids today for the repainting of the exterior of the Court House, the work to be done at once so as to be finished in time for the dedication of the soldiers monument. Several coats will be put on of pure white without any trimming. This will make this historic old structure appear like pure white marble. It is especially appropriate for a building with a portico supported by large columns.

It is not decided what will be done with the yard until the grade of the street in front is established. Considerable work will be necessary.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

LAUGH.

Laugh, and the world laughs with you;
Weep and you weep alone;
For the sad old earth must borrow its mirth,
But has trouble enough of its own.
Sing, and the hills will answer;
Sigh, it is lost on the air--
The echoes bound to a joyful sound,
But shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you;
Grieve, and they turn and go;
They want full measure of all your pleasure,
But they do not need your woe.
Be glad, and your friends are many;
Be sad, and you lose them all.
There are none to decline your nectar'd wine,
But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your halls are crowded;
Fast, and the world goes by,
Succeed and give, and it helps you live,
But no man can help you die.
There is room in the halls of pleasure,
For a large and lordly train,
But one by one must all file on,
Through the narrow aisles of pain.

—By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

A man is sometimes known by the enemies he makes.

Many a fellow puts up a good front without any backing.

The easiest way to flatter a girl is to talk about the hearts she has broken.

Let a man think he is having his own way and you can do anything with him.

Girls may admire promising young men, but tailors prefer those who pay cash.

There is honor in being a statesman, but there is more money in being a politician.

Some women use paint and powder because they haven't the cheek to do without it.

In every community there is an old man with rheumatism who sneers at the Weather Bureau.

A handful of enemies will often boost a man into prominence quicker than a multitude of friends.

It may be hard for a girl to love her enemies, but she invites them all to her wedding, just the same.

If you go about it right a quarter will make as much noise dropping into the collection plate as a five-dollar gold piece.

—He--Before you married me you used to say there wasn't another man like me in the world. She--Yes; and now I shouldn't like to think there was.

Her Father--you are going to marry that insignificant little cad, Percy Mill-yuns! Why, you once said you would never marry a man less than six feet high. Edith--Oh, I know, papa; but I decided to take off 20 per cent for cash.

An exchange says: "The kickers on a farm are not so hard to get along with as the kickers in town. On the farm there are kicking cows and the long eared friend the mule, but in town there is the knocker who wants all the privileges of municipal life without paying anything in return and blocks as far as he can every public improvement. The cow can be butchered and the mule traded on a shotgun, but nothing but a funeral will get rid of a town knocker."

A business man posted a sign in his store "\$15 paid for 1903 pennies." A traveling man raked up three pennies of the date of 1903, paying a premium of \$1 each for them. He tendered them to the merchant and asked for his \$45. "Bring me 1900 more pennies," said the merchant, "and I will give you the \$15 as the sign reads."

FISH WARDEN GETS BUSY.

The fish warden dropped into Millhall Saturday afternoon and as a result of his visit one of its citizens, who has been persistent in the use of a dip net, is likely to come to grief says the Clinton Democrat. The person in question was dipping below the axe factory dam and had gone across the creek to the factory to get a drink, when the warden came along and cut a small rod to which he tied a string, and pretended to fish. His actions were a little suspicious and the manipulator of the net stayed in the shop until the stranger grew tired waiting for him to come back, and walked down the railroad toward Millhall, when the fishing was resumed. The warden after having changed his wearing apparel, hired a small boy to show him where the axe factory was and proceeded to the fishing place. When near the place he said, "Say sonny, who is that man fishing with that net over there?" The unsuspecting boy said, "That is William Johnson." Of course that was what the warden wanted to know. He went to where Johnson was fishing, counted his string of about 25 nice big suckers, and waited until he swung out the net, when he pulled back the lapel of his coat and showed Johnson his badge, took a knife, cut the net from the bows, put it in his grip, and went his way. The chances are that the fish will be quite expensive ones.