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Of Vital Importance to the Voters of This State.

AS WAX IN BOSSES HANDS

Always Sought the "Cyclone Cellar" When Needed—A Timid, Nervous, Weak Man—Time For Earnest Men to Read and Think.

Everything Likely to Make Bosses Fear He Would Be Hard to Handle as Mayor Was Carefully Avoided by Their Present Nominee.

Edwin S. Stuart, Republican nominee for governor, has been, ever since he first entered public life, a dodger upon matters generally that were of vital importance to the people whom he was supposed to represent. Throughout his career of five years as a select councilman from the 26th ward of Philadelphia, from April, 1886, to April, 1891, his invariable custom was to dodge the votes on many of the most important questions. To observers aware of this fact it should not have been surprising, at the outbreak of the municipal and state revolution, in May of 1905, to learn that he refused on two different occasions, when duly requested by representative citizens, to either allow the use of his name, or even to be present at a town meeting of the citizens in the Academy of Music to protest against the proposed virtual robbery of the gas works, which forced Mayor Weaver to open war against the public plunderers.

It is a pity that a man with a private life so blameless as Mr. Stuart's should have proved himself so weak and timid, not only in the days of the last year and a half that "tried men's souls," but also throughout the previous years when he was in public office, and had great opportunities, all of which he missed, to make himself of inestimable service to the people of his native city. The period which he spent in the cyclone cellar, from the start of the present Pennsylvania revolution to the date of his slating by Penrose, McNichol and Martin for the governorship, was not a novel experience for the machine gubernatorial candidate. He was familiar with every nook and corner of that refuge from storm, for he had run into it and pulled the doors down numberless times while he was a member of the upper branch of the municipal legislature.

Backbone of India Rubber.

The disrespectful cartoonists who pictured Mr. Stuart as an ancient maiden in hysterics at sight of a mouse were not far wrong in their evident estimate of him as a public servant. Despite the esteem which Mr. Stuart's personal and domestic virtues have won for him, those who know him best would find cause to pray "God save the Commonwealth!" if the state government abdicated the duty of keeping the legislature in check were committed to his hands. If life should be spared, too, and power be permitted to remain in the hands of the Philadelphia gang who made him mayor because of his record as select councilman, and who forced him upon the so-called Republican party as its candidate for governor over other leading citizens, when not a delegate had been elected or instructed for him, the people of Pennsylvania will all need to pray, "God save the Commonwealth."

As a select councilman, Stuart had a peculiar dread of going upon record whenever bills affecting corporations, particularly the street railway companies, steam railroads and electric light and power concerns, were up for consideration. On 22 different very important occasions, when questions of permitting the laying of underground conduits were before the chamber, Mr. Stuart was either absent or present as a non-voter and dodger. Every charge made in this article is substantiated by the journals of select council, which have been carefully examined for the purpose of letting the commonwealth know what sort of public servant the McNichol-Penrose-Martin nominee has been. Those ordinarily dry-as-dust records, when scanned with no name in mind but Stuart's, become, in countless places, as amusing as a Mark Twain narrative in the continuous exposure of Stuart's dodging.

Knew the Kind of Mayor Wanted.

He is officially recorded as absent from 24 meetings of the chamber—a very large number, when it is considered that, at the busiest times, select council did not meet oftener than twice a month. But his dodging when

present is more interesting than all that. In every case the records make it easy to explain his absence, for whenever he was away there was something very big before the chamber. At each of 28 meetings that he attended he dodged votes on steam railroad questions. There were 21 meetings at which the street railways were heavily interested in bills then acted upon, but in not one of which sessions did Stuart vote upon an issue of that kind, although he was present. His dread of going upon record when bills involving projecting shop signs, sidewalk disputes or other matters that might imperil his candidacy for the mayoralty were under consideration, was illustrated on dozens of occasions when he dodged such measures.

It won't do for the Stuart campaign managers to defer answering these charges until the eleventh hour of the campaign, when it might be too late to specify dates, pages of the journals and other particulars which really make the charges unanswerable. Now is the time for them to begin, but they will not do it. They dare not. What is known in Harrisburg as a "call of the house," made for the purpose of ascertaining if a quorum is present, is a rare thing in the municipal legislature, and, therefore, it would be hard to prove that in every instance referred to Mr. Stuart had not merely stepped out of the chamber for a moment just before his name was called. But if that was the case, why did he not subsequently have his name recorded? In every one of the instances of the dodging charged against him—that is of being present but not voting—he is recorded as answering to his name at the opening of the session.

Dreaded Any Antagonism.

But at least one instance of his being officially caught at his dodging by a call of the house was on November 22, 1888, when he was present, but did not vote upon an ordinance relating to projecting street signs, show cases, etc. There being no quorum voting, the roll was called to find out who were present, and Stuart answered to his name. Some well-known "ringsters" who had been dodgers with Stuart also answered, and showed not only the presence of a quorum, but that one of the men present and preventing the chamber from doing business was Stuart. Any reader who may consider this a comparatively small matter should accompany the searcher through the journals and strive to study the motives which Stuart had for dodging votes in 21 different sessions on bills for erection of frame buildings, and in as many more meetings on important street improvement measures, not to speak of other dozens of sessions in which he was present, but failed to vote upon those peculiar sorts of bills that are likely to stir up local antagonisms.

These records prove that Stuart, as a rule, was afraid to vote on measures that were likely to involve him in controversy, or perhaps to make enemies for himself. It has been said of him that he has few, if any, enemies. The journals of select council give the explanation. Any public nonentity can gain such a reputation by simply being a man of putty and never doing anything. But the fact that such a man leads an exemplary private life is no reason why the people should want to have him in the chief executive position of the commonwealth, where, particularly in these days of bringing the corporations to terms and wiping out the remnant of the looting power that has robbed and disgraced the state, the chief requisites are not personal amiability and private integrity, but virile vigor and militant aggressiveness that can and will restore and maintain the rights of the people.

How He Kept Out of Hot Water.

Take a few specifications of Stuart's dodging. All the details would fill every page of this paper, and then would not be half told. September 27, 1886, absent from the session that fixed the tax rate at \$1.50, when there was a fight to make it \$2. December 2, present, but not voting on bill to let the Western Union Telegraph lay underground conduits in certain streets. February 17, 1887, present, but not voting on bill repealing the popular checking rider of appropriation to the commission erecting the new city hall. He voted on the very next bill, an innocuous measure, however, and just here it may be said that in nearly every one of the hundreds of cases of serious dodging by Stuart the journals show that on the bill immediately following, if it was one not likely to get him into hot water, he invariably voted.

March 31, 1887, present, but not recorded as voting on appropriation for continuing the underground electric system under Broad street. The very next bill, as usual, got his vote. May 19, voted just ahead of and immediately after, but not upon the significant resolution requesting the governor to

GEO. M. DIMELING FOR STATE SENATE

Unanimously Nominated at Tyrone by the Conference.

APPROVED BY SENATOR HEINLE

Deadlock Broken on Monday Evening—For the Sake of Harmony Senator Heinle Gracefully Yields—A Strong Man—Will Poll a Large Vote.

The senatorial deadlock among the Democratic conferees of Centre and Clearfield counties was declared off on Monday afternoon at Tyrone, when ex-Senator Wm C. Heinle gracefully yielded and thereby accomplished the nomination of Geo. M. Dimeling, of Clearfield. It was made by a unanimous vote and amidst universal harmony, a happy termination of many extended conferences.

During the past few weeks numerous sessions were held at Tyrone and Philipsburg, always resulting in a tie vote of 3 to 3, neither candidate being willing to yield. Last week the matter was referred, according to the rules of the party, to the State Committee for a final decision. They did not wish to act and appealed to the conferees to hold another session, and that if they could not agree by last Tuesday, then they would act. Fortunately a nomination was made, and without a particle of ill feeling arising from the result. This was shown by Mr. Heinle publicly assuring Mr. Dimeling and the conferees that he and his friends would give him their heartiest support from this on during the campaign, and predicted his election.

The nominee, George McClelland Dimeling, is one of Clearfield's energetic and successful lumber operators and business men. He is in the prime of life, only a few years past forty, full of energy and ambition. As Chairman of the Democratic Party in Clearfield, he displayed unusual sagacity and tact in directing the campaign that brought about the election of Allison O. Smith, over Judge Cyrus Gordon for president of that county. We have heard compliments regarding the nominee before he was known as a candidate for this important office, and we can assure our readers that Mr. Dimeling is eminently qualified for this position. That he has been successful in business enterprises, is to his credit—assures all that he has the qualities of meeting and successfully disposing of important measures that may come before men in public life.

While this district usually casts a republican majority, there is every reason to predict that Mr. Dimeling will be able to carry it by a surprising vote. We are pleased with the nomination, and in every respect can commend him to our readers for their support in November.

Mr. Dimeling is a stranger to many of our readers in Centre county, and it will be his purpose to make as close a canvass as possible to get in touch with our people, whose support he now solicits. One fact can be assured, he is a man of his own mind, capable to observe, think and act; and if elected will stand shoulder to shoulder with men like Treasurer Berry, Farmer Creasy, the fearless Emery and all other aggressive men who are trying to crush the Penrose Gang in this state.

Money Stolen

George Robb, of Coleville, an aged gentleman, who by hard work and close saving, accumulated \$110, and instead of putting it in bank, kept it in the house, \$100 of which he sewed up in a chaff-tick and the other \$10 was kept in the cupboard, to be used in buying things for the house, as they were needed. Sunday, sometime, while Mr. and Mrs. Robb were away, some thief broke into the house and ransacked everything, and in cutting open the chaff-tick came onto the \$100 which consisted of ten \$10 bills. In looking through the cupboard they came across the other \$10 and took it. Mr. Robb is a poor man and thus the loss to him is a very heavy one. Mr. Robb has no suspicions as to who did the dastardly and cowardly trick, but every effort should be put forth to bring the perpetrator to justice.

VERY UNKIND.

"As to Mr. Charles Kurts, of the Centre Democrat, we have nothing to say other than that when he is not fighting us he is abusing some member of his own party. He is more to be pitied than despised, as he was born in the Porcupine Sign, and cannot help it.—From last issue of Gazette.

Very unkind indeed for the GENTLEMAN FROM SNYDER COUNTY to appropriate A. L. Robert's philosophy without giving proper credit.

Prof. J. M. Willard, of State College, was called to Dorchester, Mass., by the serious illness of his mother. (Continued on page 4.)

UNITED BRETHREN CHANGES.

Appointments Announced by the State Conference.

At the conference of the United Brethren church, which closed at Mt. Pleasant on Monday, the following appointments for this section were announced for the Eastern district:

Rev. G. W. Sherrick, presiding elder; Altoona—First Church, G. L. Graham; Second Church, W. N. Dellere; Third Church, D. J. Good; Bellefonte, W. H. Spangler; Burnside, J. W. Waters; Bellwood, A. L. Bosing; Birmingham, J. C. Erb; Clearfield, C. C. Miller; Claysville, N. S. Bailey; Coalport, H. A. Buffington; East Salem, H. C. Shults; Houser-ville, Joseph Miller; Huntingdon, U. B. Brubaker; Johnstown—First Church, N. W. Burtner; Liverpool, John Bowermaster; Middleburg, I. H. Dean; Milton, W. A. Siles; Philipsburg, W. G. Stiverson; Port Matilda, G. W. Shires; Pottsville, Russell Showers; Runville, C. C. Bingham; Sugar Valley, to be supplied; Tyrone, T. P. Orner; Woodland, J. J. Funk.

Rev. A. Davidson was transferred from Bellefonte to Madison, Pa.

Clearfield has been selected as the place for holding the next session of the Allegheny U. B. conference.

Does Automobile Pay?

Sometimes you hear the question asked, does automobile pay? Well, it does when you can go out and pick gold pins off the tire, that are worth from \$30 to \$50. This has been the experience of W. Harrison Walker, of Bellefonte, and if it continues it won't be long until our young, enterprising legal friend will be turning the corner in a \$2,500 car. The other evening Mr. Walker began examining the tires on his automobile when to his surprise he pulled from one of them a handsome solid gold pin which is said to be worth considerable money. Its a perfect beauty and has been greatly admired by the few people who have gazed upon it. When or where he picked it up he does not know, but one thing he does know is that hereafter he will make a thorough examination of his tires every time he comes in from a run, because fifty dollar gold pieces are just as liable to stick to the tires as gold pins. The person who lost this valuable piece of jewelry can get it by calling at Mr. Walker's office and describing the pin.

Church Dedication.

Sunday, September, 30th, will be a gala day with the Roman Catholics of Philipsburg, for on that date will occur the dedication of their handsome church, the auditorium of which is just now completed.

The pastor, Rev. Kamerant, has been indefatigable in his efforts and his people have been more than generous in their giving. The beautiful stained glass windows are all memorial and many of them are remarkably handsome for a church of its size. The interior finish is artistic and beautiful and reflects creditably on the taste and skill of artists whose work it is. The furnishings are in keeping with the finish of the auditorium, and equally tasteful.

Bishop Garvey, of the diocese of Altoona, will be in charge of the dedication services which take place at 10 o'clock a. m. and Rev. J. C. Fols, of Danville, will preach the sermon. Quite a number of other clergymen will be present at the services. Special music will be rendered in which the choir will be assisted by the Osceola choir.

Game Laws.

The following are the game laws in Pennsylvania, limited to one person: Bear, unlimited, October 1 to March 1; blackbirds, unlimited, September 1 to January 1; deer and fawn, one each season, November 15 to December 1; pheasant and ruffed grouse, five in one day, twenty in one week, fifty in one season, October 15 to December 1; quail, ten in one day, forty in one week, seventy-five in one season, November only; wild ducks, ten in one day, one hundred in one season, September 1 to January 1, and first fifteen days in April; wild turkey, one in one day, four in one season, from October 1st to December 1st; wild geese, two in one day, ten in one season, October 15 to December 1; squirrel—fox, black and grey, six of combined kinds in one day, October 1 to December 1; shore birds, unlimited, September 1 to January 1; snipe—Jack and Wilson, unlimited, July 15 to December 1. It is illegal to have a ferret in possession in field or forest.

Voght—Alexander.

The marriage of A. L. Voght and Miss Emilie Alexander took place at Johnstown Saturday evening, 15th. After the 22nd Mr. and Mrs. Voght will be at home in Pittsburgh, West End.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. J. F. Alexander, of Centre Hall, deceased, and for the past few years has spent much time in Tyrone, where she taught vocal and instrumental music. The groom is a civil engineer and holds a good position with the Pennsylvania railroad at Pittsburgh.

In other cities where John W. Vogel's Big City Minstrel's have appeared, theatre parties have been a social feature of the event. It is a jolly way of enjoying a perfect evening, and witnessing what is said to be the best dressed and most elaborately staged minstrel performance in America. The above organization will appear at the opera house on Thursday, Oct. 4th.

EMERY AND BERRY WILL BE HERE

To address our People on the Important Issues of the Campaign.

DURING WEEK OF THE FAIR

Will be Accompanied by Prominent Reform Leaders of the State—Date is Wednesday, October 10th—Special Trains will be run

Wednesday evening, October 10th, all persons who are in favor of good government in this state are urged to attend a grand rally in the Court House, in Bellefonte. The speakers on that occasion will be the next governor of Pennsylvania, Lewis E. Emery, State Treasurer Wm. A. Berry, Rudolph Blankenburg of Philadelphia, and several other prominent men interested in securing purer politics and needed reforms in public life.

The party will be here in time to hold a public reception at the fair grounds in the afternoon. All the gentlemen named have a public reputation for being strong, forceful speakers, and there will be a large crowd here to greet them. Berry, when in Bellefonte during his campaign for State Treasurer, made one of the finest addresses ever delivered before a Centre county audience.

To accommodate those who wish to attend, special trains will leave after the meeting for Coburn and also State College and Pine Grove Mills.

FRIENDLY GREETINGS.

Snyder Countians True to Their Early Traditions.

When a candidate at the Snyder county primaries for the endorsement for Congress, Dr. B. F. Wagenseller, of Snyder county, found himself crowded and in serious danger of defeat by H. J. Culbertson. Wagenseller was accused of insincerity in his candidacy, and to set at rest all doubts, he came out in the Middleburg Post of May 31st, with the following pledge:

"Under no condition will my conference in the Congressional conference be permitted to vote for Thaddeus M. Mahon or Benjamin K. Focht."

Despite this pledge over his signature, when the congressional conference of that district was held, Wagenseller deliberately turned his conferees over to Focht which accomplished Focht's nomination. Wagenseller, in this, openly betrayed his people, and is accused of obtaining a handsome sum from Focht for his base perfidy.

This recalls the famous deal by which Simon Cameron years ago got to the U. S. Senate by bribing three members of the legislature; Wagenseller, of Snyder; Lebo, of Schuylkill; Meneer, of York. Our older citizens will recall this scandal and how these three traitors were ostracised by all decent people, and their names to this day are synonyms for dishonor and perfidy. Truly, history repeats itself.

In contrast, we desire to quote from our amiable contemporary, the "Keystone Gazette," whose editor formerly was a Snyder county resident, and evidently is candid when he says:

"BULLY FOR BEN!"

"Ben Focht is a hustler and is able to do more good to his county in general and his constituents in particular than any other man in the district, and we congratulate him on his selection and HIS FRIENDS ON THEIR GOOD JUDGMENT."

It is evident that Snyder countians stand together—are tarred with the same stick.

REBEKA LODGE.

Friday evening at 8 o'clock quite a social event took place in the lodge room of the I. O. O. F., located in Crider's block, on High street, which drew together quite a large number of the members. It was the celebration of the 55th anniversary of the Crystal Spring Rebekah Lodge, which is connected with the Centre Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Bellefonte. The principal feature of Friday night's festivities was the elegant and palatable feast of good things prepared and served by these good ladies. During the evening Miss Erma Smith, a daughter of George Smith, acted as toast master, and did it in a manner that was very pleasing. The addresses of the evening were made by J. C. Meyer, J. K. Johnston, Col. Hugh S. Taylor and Squire John Keichline, all of whom spoke in the highest terms of the good and faithful work done by the Rebekah Lodge which consists of about eighty-six members.

Sabbath School Convention.

Order for reduced fare to State S. S. convention at Gettysburg, Oct. 10-12; also credentials for those entitled to them can be obtained from Rev. W. Henry Schuyler, of Centre Hall, secretary of the county organization.

It is generally the fast young man who can't keep up with his running expenses.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Many a man who runs into debt is obliged to crawl out.

The lofty ideals of some men are restricted to high living.

It is considered a good thing not to be considered a "good thing."

In the case of the man who stutters his train of thought must be a limited express.

When you see a fight pitch in. It's the innocent bystander that generally gets hurt.

To have cash is to have luck, but the man who has hard cash doesn't have hard luck.

R. C. HALL INJURED.

He Meets an Automobile and is Thrown Out of His Conveyance.

Wednesday morning Squire John Keichline, of Bellefonte, had his first case of fixing automobilists, who were charged with violating the law in refusing to stop on the public highway after being signaled to stop by occupants of a conveyance approaching in the opposite direction. It seems that Mrs. Richard C. Hall, who is visiting friends at Milesburg, was injured at the Grange Picnic at Centre Hall, and since then has been in the Bellefonte hospital for treatment. Sunday afternoon about 4:50 o'clock, Richard Hall, Charles Hall, Roy Hall, Minnie Aikie and Grace Shook left Milesburg in a carriage belonging to Abe Baum, for Bellefonte, to see how Mrs. Hall was getting along at the hospital. When just outside the borough limits they saw an automobile coming towards them, the occupants being George W. Strong and George A. Fill, of Tyrone, who had been in Bellefonte, and were on their way home. The horses frightened at the machine, broke the carriage and threw Richard Hall out breaking a couple of ribs and probably injuring him internally. The horses got loose from the carriage and ran away.

At the hearing Mr. Strong, who was running the automobile, testified that at the signal he slowed up and practically stopped, while the witnesses for the Commonwealth swore that he didn't stop. After hearing the evidence Squire Keichline fined both Strong and Gill \$25 each and costs. This case will be taken to court, as well as a civil case for damages that will be brought.

RECENT DEATHS.

SYLVESTER DUNBAR—died at his home in Lamar at 11 o'clock Wednesday night of last week, aged about 74 years. He is survived by his wife. Deceased went to Lamar about four years ago and had been ill for several months. The body was shipped Friday to Red House, N. Y.

MRS. ANDREW RENNINGER—sister of Mrs. H. U. Reamer, of Bellefonte, died Tuesday afternoon at her home in Northumberland, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis which she received three months ago. She was 72 years old. Mrs. Reamer left for Northumberland on Wednesday. The funeral will take place on Friday.

GEORGE W. CUMMINGS—died Thursday morning, 13th, at his home in Millheim, after a long illness of a complication of diseases. His age was 71 years, 3 months and 11 days. Deceased was a veteran of the civil war. He leaves to survive a wife. Funeral services were held Saturday morning, conducted by Rev. C. F. Garrett and interment was made in the Union cemetery.

MRS. AMELIA A. DENNIS—relict of Samuel Dennis, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Boyer, in Haines Twp., Tuesday night, 18th, of infirmities incident to old age, aged 70 years, 8 months and 30 days. She leaves to survive one son, Lewis Dennis, of South Dakota, and three daughters, Mrs. Samuel Boyer and Mrs. Jacob Everett, of Haines Twp., and Mrs. Cora Hazel, of Miles Twp. Interment in the St. Paul cemetery.

MRS. ELIZABETH WILSON—died Wednesday of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Rubley, near Cold Stream. The deceased, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Myers, was born on a farm between Milesburg and Bellefonte, on June 24, 1826, making her age 82 years, 11 months and 24 days. Her husband, Oliver P. Wilson, has been dead 17 years. Much of her life was spent on a farm near Julian. She had for many years been a faithful member of the Methodist church at the latter place.

MRS. ELIZABETH BANEY—wife of James A. Baney, died Thursday of last week at her home in Philipsburg. The deceased was aged about 45 years. The cause of her death was cancer, with which she had been a sufferer for eight months. Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn her death two daughters, Edna and Mary, her mother, Mrs. Hannah Mayes, one sister, Mrs. William Harsard, and four brothers, William, of Milesburg, and John, George and James Mayes, of Philipsburg. The funeral took place Saturday morning.

MRS. HARRY THOMPSON—died at her home in Coleville, Sunday morning, at 2:30 o'clock, after an illness of four months, from a complication of diseases. Her suffering was almost unbearable, yet she bore it with christian fortitude. Her maiden name was Miss Maggie Krebs, daughter of James Krebs, of Boggs township, and was about 32 years of age. She is survived by a husband, one son and three daughters, all of whom are quite young. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Evangelical church, of which she was a member. Interment in Union cemetery.