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EDITORIAL.

BRYAN'S recent trip in the eastern states seems to have dissipated all forms of opposition. He need only appear among his enemies, when they scatter like mist.

SOME Philadelphia business men desire Teddy to run for a third term as a gift from the people. In two days 4000 signatures were obtained to petitions for this purpose.

THE person who figures that local option will not be an issue in the coming campaign in Centre county will greatly deceive himself. It will be a red hot one from the start.

WE EVEN hear of dinner pails becoming alarmingly empty with some in and about Bellefonte, and that a move is suggested to have the churches take steps for any needed relief.

DURING the past week prominent citizens in Philadelphia have been circulating petitions and they have been largely signed, urging President Roosevelt to be a candidate for re-election. His recent message has aroused them to this activity.

SINCE the standpatners proclaim that "the tariff should only be revised by its friends," the same logic would apply equally to the case of the capitol looters, and that the looters should only be tried by their friends. The "friends of the tariff" are the hateful Trusts. The capitol looters have as their friends the notorious g. o. p. machine gangsters. Now cipher out the difference, for the Democrat!

IN FLORIDA the republican party is being dominated by negroes—there were 90 blacks to 10 whites in the state convention the other day. A big row was the result and a split into two organizations with two sets of delegates to the national republican convention. Knock-down fights were indulged in; the police were called in to quell the riot. Take your medicine, ye g. o. p.'s, 90 parts black and 10 parts white—well shaken up.

IN CHICAGO a crusade against license is on, and a remarkable contest at the polls is promised at the April election, for the chief issue in the municipal battle will be the liquor question. Prohibition has made notable advancement in a large part of the country, as is well known, but has thus far been without much headway in the centres of population. Chicago's people will deal with propositions for entire prohibition in the city, and the Sunday closing of all saloons.

THERE is a well-grounded surmise that a move will be made in Centre county, by those faithful to the gangsters, to have the republicans of this county, by trickery, show up for the re-election of the notorious Penrose to the senate. Penrose has put out his post-office appointments as one agency to operate in this direction. A few fellows of bad odor who are planning to show off as being IT in the republican party of Centre county, thus quietly scheming to take the anti-Penrose republicans by surprise. Be on your guard.

A WALL comes from Tariffstown, otherwise Pittsburg. The Post brings it, viz: "Pittsburg is the centre of those industries alleged to be fostered and maintained by the protective tariff. The Dingley schedule is in full force and effect, yet the city has been stormed into surrender by idle men seeking a chance at municipal employment in the hardest kind of work. The fellows who have been voting for the full dinner pail and steady jobs at good wages, can look at the silent walls and idle chimneys of the mills and shops whose Sabbath stillness and clearness contrast strangely enough with the usual noise and murk. Let them find out why, if protection protects them, they are not being protected now."

PENNYPACKER at last has been caught in the net set to take the capitol looters, now being tried. Assistant architect Lewis, a witness on the stand on Thursday, being sharply cross-examined by the attorneys for the looters, they put fatal questions that brought out the answer that Pennypacker had knowledge of the wrong being done against the state and had a hand in drawing up a document that was intended to cover up the greatest of all frauds and whitewash the robbers. The court, jury, bar and audience, were dumfounded over the startling revelation. Mr. Lewis' testimony, at the same time implicated Pennypacker's attorney-general Carson, with being an assistant in the attempt to keep down the lid.

NOT A SHINING EXAMPLE.

The New York evening "Post" repeats the history of political corruption in the Presidential campaign of 1904, and after summing up the terrible evidence asks: "How are we to explain this affair and still hold up President Roosevelt as the shining example of political virtue?" It cannot be done. A once deluded country has been forced, by stress of unforeseen circumstances and development of unsuspected conditions, to look upon the President as a shining example of nothing.

The "Post," however, omits an important part of the indictment, to wit, the beginning. When he was preparing for the campaign of 1904 the President appointed Private Secretary Cortelyou to be Secretary of the newly created Department of Commerce and Labor. He held that position but a short time, for when the campaign opened he was taken from that office and made chairman of the national committee. As director of the fat-friers the knowledge he gained as the chief of the Department was supposed to be of inestimable value. At any rate the campaign fund for the purchase of the election of Mr. Roosevelt was about seven or eight millions of dollars. Most of this sum was contributed by corporations.

Now we come to the "Post's" indictment which, however, contains nothing new. Indeed there is nothing new to record or to say on that subject. When, toward the close of the campaign, Judge Parker accused the Republican party of obtaining money from corporations to be expended in procuring the election of Roosevelt, the latter replied with a characteristic denial of the charge and assertion of his political purity: Yet soon afterward it transpired, in the insurance investigation, that three of the insurance companies had contributed to the campaign fund an aggregate of \$150,000 of other people's money. Later it was learned that a few days before the election the President persuaded E. H. Harriman to raise \$200,000 with which to carry New York. This money was to be used in purchasing votes; for, owing to the immensity of the election, there was no remaining necessity for expenditure.

ELECTION ON TUESDAY.

The time for holding the annual spring election will be next Tuesday, February 18th, at the customary voting places throughout the county. This is an event of more than ordinary importance, in fact is the most important election of the year, as it relates entirely to the administration of your local affairs which more largely affect your welfare than county, state or national elections.

As is the custom, both parties have placed in nomination tickets for the various offices. This is necessary, but often unfit nominations are made because political roosters so often manipulate the party caucus for selfish interests, and to the detriment of a community. For that reason we do not believe that a conscientious Democrat or Republican violates his political creeds or proves a political traitor by voting for a pre-eminent better man on an opposition ticket. Your first duty at the spring election is to look to the best interest of your home and community—select the most capable, upright men to build your roads, conduct your schools, provide for the poor, estimate the valuations, collect and disburse your taxes and hold your elections.

At the same time you are not justified in bolting your party ticket for the sake of satisfying a personal grudge or to secure revenge upon some competent man towards whom you may be embittered. Too often the spring election is made the scragging ground where petty spites and jealousies of a community are fought to a finish, resulting in notoriously inefficient men being chosen for positions of great importance and trusts, to the absolute injury and loss of public interests. Too often the ballot becomes a malicious weapon for the thoughtless, vicious and revengeful. Make next Tuesday a day for business, and the performance of a patriotic duty.

AGAIN, on Tuesday, the evidence in the capitol graft trial was blacker for the accused than the damaging facts from the witness stand the two previous days. Ex-governor Pennypacker, from the revelations made, stands in a discreditable light before the world for his efforts to whitewash the great robbery and shield the republican state officials and gangsters who were partners in the game of the 13 million loot. Iniquitous as was the steal as exposed by Mr. Berry, the evidence brought out in court this week shows that the crime was far worse than even Mr. Berry charged.

Grand Jurors in Illinois must be under 65 years of age. In this state many non-entities get on juries, both over and under 65 years. The Illinois and Pennsylvania laws as to jurors need improving by making qualification the measure and not age.

In mentioning attorney general Carson as having a hand in getting up a report to white-wash the capitol looters, the witness, Lewis, made a correction to the effect that he meant the auditor general and not the attorney general.

Just now the astounding new developments in the trial of the capitol looters, and the ground-hog weather—both rough—are attracting the attention of the public.

OVER THE COUNTY.

S. H. Griffith, of Axmann, left, Wednesday last week, for Chicago, as a witness in a case on trial in U. S. court.

The following pensions were recently increased: Franklin F. Wetzel, Millheim, \$8; Mrs. Jennie E. Lauth, Howard, \$8.

Jonathan Harter, a well-known and respected citizen of Millheim, has not been in the best of health for a number of weeks.

Jacob Woodring, of Port Matilda, has announced himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for county commissioner.

The auditorium of the United Evangelical church in Millheim has been furnished with a new carpet, which greatly improves its appearance.

S. S. Crissman, formerly of Philipsburg, Pa., has been seriously ill at his home in Johnstown the past two weeks. He now is somewhat improved.

D. J. Meyer, of Centre Hall, who for over a year was in poor health, from rheumatism, has completely recovered, and is now as well apparently as ever.

W. E. Johnson, of Ferguson, found one of his horses dead in its stall and a few days thereafter another fell on the ice breaking its hip and had to be killed.

Miss Florence E. Rhone, daughter of Hon. Leonard Rhone, of Centre Hall, left Wednesday morning for Wichita, Kan., where she expects to remain until spring.

Edna Reber, of Howard, is now in Philadelphia, where she will spend a few weeks, after which she will go to North Carolina to take charge of a large military store.

Charles Shaffer and wife, formerly of State College, but for years residents of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. Shaffer's sister, Mrs. Thos. Riley, at Boalsburg, who is critically ill.

While coasting on the hill leading to Bowersox's blacksmith shop, at Spring Mills, Master Edward, son of Mr. Breon, the tinsmith, had the misfortune to break his collar bone.

Rev. W. H. Schuyler, of Centre Hall, was in Newton Hamilton, Thursday, assisting in the installation services of Rev. Snook, as pastor of the Presbyterian church in that place.

Charles H. Meyers' steam thrasher, in Ferguson, closed the season with 52,000 bushels; Adam Kramer's thrasher with 48,000 bushels, and W. H. Weaver's thrasher with 42,000 bushels.

While remodeling the old Roney house at Pigeon Grove, David Reed found behind the plastering an old newspaper printed in Boston seventy-five years ago. It was quite well preserved.

B. L. Noll, who had been taking a commercial course in the Valparaiso, Ind., college, arrived home this week. During the summer he expects to devote his attention to the school supply work in various parts of the state.

On Wednesday evening of last week the Council of Rebekah, No. 66 of Tussey Lodge, I. O. O. F. held their annual banquet in the I. O. O. F. hall at Boalsburg. In addition to the members quite a number of invited guests were present.

Farmer Trossell, on the Wm. McWilliams farm, in Ferguson township, was obliged to kill a valuable horse on account of a broken leg, sustained by falling on the ice. This winds up a \$350 team bought last year. Its mate died of pneumonia last spring.

While in town the past week ex-commissioner John D. Decker, of Potters Mills indicated that he would likely be a candidate for County Commissioner this year. He is one of Pennsylvania's stalwart citizens, but he should have changed his politics long ago—otherwise he is O. K., and a good man.

A car load of desks, finished complete, was shipped recently from the Hippie planing mill in Lock Haven to State College for use in the new agricultural building. The same firm has already furnished over ten thousand dollars worth of finished lumber for use in the construction of the same building.

H. G. Strohmeier, of Centrehall, a few days ago, sold the Emerick property adjoining his home for more than twice the sum paid for it a few years ago, when it was bought at a public sale. Samuel Gingerich was the purchaser. The property was bought as an investment, as Mr. Gingerich will not move there to live.

John Neese, who for several years had been in the Centre Hall Roller Flouring Mills, owned by the Weber Brothers, will go back to the mill again, but not in Centre Hall. He went to Neshaug Station, a small town in New Jersey, beginning of this week, and it is there he will go to work, and in the spring he will take his family with him.

Monday a half interest in the Furst-Beaver property, on Church street, to the west of the Lutheran church, in Centre Hall, was purchased at Sheriff's sale by D. A. Booser, who occupied the same for a number of years. The half interest was sold for \$600. The interest of the Furst estate was also purchased by Mr. Booser, making the total cost \$1100.

At Aaronsburg, and that vicinity, end of last week, were no mails for two days the roads being blocked by snow drifts.

The other evening, as Jerry Confer, of near Spring Mills, was taking his horses to water, one of the animals fell and in doing so broke its neck.

Miss Sara Behers, who spent two past months visiting relatives at Lemont, and other places, left on Monday for her home in Columbus, Ohio.

Druggist J. D. Murray, of Centrehall, is the oldest male citizen of the town, counting his 80 years, and announces he does not feel near like one worn out.

John Foreman, of Centre Hall, has cast his lot with Sillman Brothers, civil and mining engineers, with headquarters in Altoona, and is out with a corps of engineers the greater part of the time.

The big steam thrashers, in Ferguson township, all pulled in for the winter and report good runs. C. H. Meyer threshed 52,000 bushels; Adam Creamer 48,000; W. H. Weaver 42,500 bushels of the golden grain, a total of 142,500 bushels.

The Centre Hall lodge of Odd Fellows sold the two building lots, below the Reformed church, to W. J. Mitterling, who contemplates erecting a dwelling house on them. The price paid was \$480. These lots were purchased about two years ago for \$500, but were timbered.

Preparations are now being made to observe the anniversary of the late Henry Trzcynski, formerly of Milesburg. The event will take place at the home of his daughter, in Boggs township, on Friday Feb. 21st. Mr. Trzcynski was a prominent surveyor in this county, and figured in some of the largest land suits every tried in the courts of Centre county. He died Feb. 21st, 1878, and his remains were buried on one of the highest knobs in that vicinity.

The Hammerhead Shark.

One of the strangest sharks, and, indeed, one of the oddest looking creatures in the world, is the hammerhead—an excellent name, for its head is cylindrical, with a width two or three times as great as the length. The eyes are set at the outer angles of the head and can thus look up and down at will. There are three rows of triangular white teeth in each jaw. This voracious fish reaches a length of fifteen feet, and, though there is little danger of its attacking a living swimmer, it will at least devour a dead body. One, eleven feet long, which was killed at Sag Harbor, had eaten portions of a man and his clothing. Small hammerheads have been caught in New York bay, and several four foot specimens in Hell Gate.—New York Post.

Robbers on Railway Trains.

Robbers on passenger trains have become so frequent that Pennsylvania Railroad officials are convinced that an organized gang is at work picking up traveling bags. Accordingly orders have been given the conductors on being notified of articles stolen shall get off at the first station and telegraph details to the nearest railroad police headquarters, instead of filing written reports at the end of their run.

TAFT has beaten Foraker in Ohio at the primaries, and will get the solid delegation to the Republican National Convention.

NOTICE — BALD EAGLE VALLEY RAILROAD CO. General Office, Broad street Station, Philadelphia, Feb. 12, 1908.

A Special Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at this office on Friday, February 28th, 1908, at 11:15 o'clock, a. m., at which meeting there will be submitted for the approval or disapproval of the Stockholders, an agreement between the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad Co. and The Pennsylvania Railroad Co. for the sale to, and acquisition by the latter Company of all the franchises, corporate property, rights and credits of the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad Company, executed pursuant to resolutions duly adopted by the Board of Directors of each Company.

NOTICE TO VOTERS.

In compliance with Section 3 of the Act of February 17, 1906, known as the "Uniform Primary Act," relating to the election and nomination of certain party and public officers, you are hereby notified that the following party officers under their respective heads will be voted for at the Spring Primary, April 13th, 1908, and nominations will be made for the following public offices at the said Primary, as provided in said Act:

STATE OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED. (As certified by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.) One Representative in Congress. One Representative in the General Assembly.

COUNTY OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED. (As certified by the Republican and Democratic County Chairmen.) One person for the office of Sheriff. One person for the office of County Treasurer. One person for the office of Recorder of Deeds. One person for the office of Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court. One person for the office of Coroner. Two persons for the office of County Commissioners. Two persons for the office of County Auditors.

REPUBLICAN PARTY OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED. (As certified by Republican State and County Chairmen.) Three Delegates to the Republican State Convention. Two Delegates to the Republican National Convention. Two Alternates to the Republican National Convention. One person for the office of Republican County Chairman.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED. (As certified by the Democratic State Chairman.) Three Delegates to the Democratic State Convention. Two Alternates to the Democratic National Convention. One person for the office of Democratic County Chairman.

PROHIBITION PARTY OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED. (As certified by the Prohibition State Chairmen.) Four Delegates to the Prohibition State Convention. One Delegate to the Prohibition National Convention.

We the Commissioners of Centre County do hereby certify that the above is a correct list of the Party officers to be filed by their parties, as filed by the State and County Chairmen respectively, and that the public officers as above set forth are true and correct as we verily believe.

JOHN L. DUNLAP, J. C. WEAVER, JOHN D. BAILEY, Commissioners.

Attest: JAMES H. CRILL, Clerk. Commissioners' Office, Bellefonte, Penna., Feb. 12th, 1908.

Oppose Road Law.

At the closing session of the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Farmers Alliance and Industrial Union, held at Williamsport recently the representatives from nearly sixty counties expressed themselves in favor of legislation that will revolutionize the present policy of the State. Highway Department, and also the repeal of the State road law passed by the Legislature in 1903. The primary objections offered against the system of management in vogue in the State Highway Department is the high salaries paid to the Commissioner and his assistants, which they claim are exorbitant while township supervisors are obliged to serve gratis.

The objection offered to the State road law of 1903 was that the additional \$1 tax, which is levied upon taxable, in each township, in addition to the regular road tax levy, was an imposition and an outrage. The farmers want more money for country roads by appropriation from the State, believing that too much of the State funds are expended foolishly, especially for salaries.

The delegates to this convention believe that there should be appropriation to township supervisors for the purpose of constructing and maintaining good roads from the State Department.

The Centre Democrat is inclined to think that the above complaint and suggestions are timely. The road construction seems to be farmed and most likely in the interest of the salaried officials connected with it, who thus get rewards for being machine henchmen and heelers.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Peter Dese, Rush Twp. Anna J. Estep

Local Option Battle.

Up to this time anti local option organizations have been formed in forty six counties in the state, to oppose candidates for the state legislature who may favor the submission of the question of local option to a vote of the people. This means that the liquor interests are awake to the issue that will prevail in Pennsylvania this year. At the same time the anti-saloon forces are hustling and will wage an aggressive fight.

—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sheffer, who had been making a little visit in Bellefonte, have left for their home in Millroy.

Announcements:

We are authorized to announce the name of CALVIN MEYER, Esq., of Bellefonte, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination of Assessor.

We are authorized to announce the name of A. A. PLETCHER, of Howard, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of Register of Centre county.

We are authorized to announce the name of WM. J. CARLIN, of Miles Twp., as a candidate for the nomination of Treasurer of Centre county on the Democratic ticket.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. C. SNOOK, of Millheim, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff of Centre county.

We are authorized to announce the name of JOHN L. DUNLAP, of Spring township, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of County Commissioner.

We are authorized to announce the name of JOHN D. MILLER, of Walker Twp., as a candidate for the nomination of Treasurer of Centre county on the Democratic ticket.

We are authorized to announce the name of CALVIN A. WEAVER, of Penn township, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of County Commissioner.

We are authorized to announce the name of THOMAS HOWLEY, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Recorder of Centre county.

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