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EDITORIAL.

THE local option people in Centre county have interrogated the various candidates for the nomination for assembly as to where they will stand on that question, if elected. They do not want any evasion of this issue.

DURING the past week Taft's boom for the nomination has been growing, it is almost a certainty to predict his nomination. The other fellows are not cutting much ice. On the other hand it is equally certain that Bryan will be nominated.

THE politician who writes to a federal office holder asking him for a contribution to a campaign fund or any other fund to be used for political purposes subjects himself to all the penalties imposed by the civil service law. This was the decision of the supreme court a few days ago, and its effect in the purification of politics and political methods should be far-reaching and immediate.

FORMER State Senator Lewis Emery, Jr., of Bradford, has announced himself as a candidate for delegate to the National Republican Convention from the Twenty-first Congressional district, composed of the counties of McKean, Cameron, Clearfield and Centre. Col. Reynolds, of our town, is after the same position and until recently was of the opinion that he would have no opposition.

DAVID T. WATSON, of Pittsburg, will within a short time commence the preparation of the suits to recover, by civil law, money illegally taken from the state treasury in the capitol furnishing contracts. This course has been determined upon since the committee won such a signal victory by the conviction of four of the defendants recently and it is believed that it will have an important bearing on the cases to follow.

OWING to a continuance of business depression, the Pennsylvania Railroad on Monday made the most sweeping reduction of shopmen in its history, 2140 being indefinitely suspended, which means they are discharged from the Altoona shops. They were taken from every department. Single men, labor agitators and disloyal men were let go. In Philadelphia the Pennsylvania Railroad Company paid off one hundred and fifty-eight shop employees and told them that there was no work for them, in one of the shops of the city 110 men out of 165 were laid off.

PANDORA'S BOX OF EVILS.

SOME Republican papers, especially those of the independent kind, are giving their readers information of the sorry pass the Republican party has brought the country to. Thus the New York Sun, with its independent soul much vexed by what Mr. Bryan asserts is mainly due to Mr. Roosevelt's "Democratic policies," declares that we are now indebted to President Roosevelt for:

"Private confidence and credit shattered; decreasing business; empty freight cars and empty pay envelopes; railroad employees and industrial workers laid off by the hundred thousand, disaster made thoroughly Republican; the Constitution kicked one side like a broken teddy bear; the courts insulted; capital persecuted and frightened; suspicion and hatred sown sedulously among classes whose prosperity or adversity is inseparably mutual; half veiled sinister prophecies of riot; the army demoralized by favoritism; the navy embarked upon a mysterious and dangerous adventure; currency reform unachieved; civil service reform made a by-word."

Our neighbor, the inimitable Gazette, which boasts of being conducted upon "the same plane as the New York Sun and is read only by the better class of people," will see from the above how opaque is its editorial product—as far from the New York Sun as old Sol is from the Bellefonte postoffice, and as far as the postmaster's love for the old soldier is from the real thing.

—Don't forget that today and tomorrow are parents days at the Bellefonte public schools. Everything will be thrown open for your inspection. If you desire to see how your children is getting along, this will be your opportunity.

George W. Clark, a former WilliamSPORT hotel man, purchased the Muser house at Millheim; will take possession on Saturday next.

—Men's \$2. dress shoes \$1.50, Yeagers shoe store.

OVER THE COUNTRY.

Mrs. Harry Wyle, of Aaronsburg, was brought to the Bellefonte hospital and had an operation performed for the removal of a tumor.

On Friday at the sale of Ben. Vonada, at Jacksonville, one horse sold for \$270 another was knocked off at \$240.50, and a 10-months old mule at \$129.50.

All persons who remitted to us on subscription during the past month will find credit given by a change of date on the first issue in the month of April.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Foster of Bellefonte have been spending a short time in Bellefonte as guests of Mr. Foster's mother, Mrs. Ed Foster, on Pine street.

Mrs. Dr. J. Y. Dale, who had been here for a week or more visiting at the home of Mrs. Mary Holt, at Philipsburg, returned Saturday morning to her home at Lemont.

Charles D. Emerick is ill at a Pittsburg hospital. He is a son of M. L. Emerick, of Centre Hall, and was employed at the Union Depot ticket office by the Pennsy.

Subscribers changing their residence should inform us before close of this month so that change can be assured before April 1st. Give the old address along with the new.

Sue Potter, of Milesburg, has left for New York City, where she expects to spend an extended visit, and may accept a position in the metropolis, in which case she will make her home there.

Myers Bros., the Millheim butchers, have just put into use a new meat wagon for delivery purposes. It makes a fine appearance and shows that the firm are up-to-date in their business methods.

The farm of the late Henry M. Swartz, in Penn township, was sold by the administrator. It was bought by Geo. Secrist for \$3850. The timber tract was sold to Ammon Snook and William Swartz.

William Thompson, a former employe of the local postoffice, has resigned and is now employed by the college as mail carrier. A. J. Rice, former mail carrier at the college, has taken Mr. Thompson's place as mail clerk.

J. B. White's have moved from Altoona to the White farm, near Blue Ball. Emanuel White, the father, will move into his property near Penn Cave about April 1, and leave the farming operations to the junior Mr. White.

W. N. Shlegle, of Madisonburg, was in town Monday soliciting aid to help defray the expenses of an operation which was performed on his wife at the Bellefonte hospital. Mrs. Schlegle has been ill for some time and has been under a physician care for about twenty weeks.

Robert M. Musser, of Philipsburg, who has been suffering for several weeks with sciatic rheumatism, was struck recently with a stroke of paralysis. For a while his condition seemed entirely hopeless, but he finally rallied to medical interposition, and is recently a little more comfortable.

A. A. Alexander has moved from the farm he occupied west of Millheim to C. H. Meyer's farm at Pine Creek Mills, and A. P. Maize vacated the premises on which he lived in Millheim and now occupies the house owned by Fred K. Catherman, in same place. F. S. Ulrich moved into the dwelling house of W. S. Musser at Millheim.

Ernest E. Ryan and Roy Hamlin, two young men of Lock Haven, were saved from drowning in the Bald Eagle creek on Friday by Thomas B. Myers and his son, Ira. The boys were gunning in a canoe when one of them in his eagerness to get a shot at a bird overturned the craft. They clung to the canoe until Myers and his son reached them in a rowboat.

William Thomas, of Centre Furnace, Centre county, was badly burned at his home on Thursday evening by an exploding lamp. He had gone into the cellar for something and the lamp which he carried in his hand exploded, throwing burning oil over him and burning him about the face, hands and neck. His condition was quite serious but he is getting better.

Recently Andrew Woomer, formerly of Millheim, had the misfortune to have a foot cut off on the Reading railroad near Market street crossing, Lewisburg, while jumping freight cars when shifting. He fell between two cars and had his foot crushed above the ankle. Woomer was taken to the Mary Packer hospital, Sunbury, where his foot was amputated. He was about 18 years of age.

Rev. M. C. Frick and wife have moved to Blanchard, Rev. Frick being compelled to relinquish his charge at Scottdale, Pa., because the smoke and gas from the coke ovens injured his health. He will preach at Mill Hall and Mackeyville. He was formerly a popular pastor of the Disciple churches of Blanchard, Howard and Romola and his many friends gladly welcome him and his estimable wife, back to reside in the valley.

John J. Gregg, youngest son of the late Andrew Gregg, of Potter twp., was married recently in New Mexico where he had been living for a number of years. He is engaged in cattle herding, and from time to time he is advanced on a large ranch until now he is foreman on the ranch. He is located fifty miles from a town, and although he is away from the centre of the population he is happy and contented since he has with him the girl he loves.

John Neese, who at present is milling in New Jersey, sold his home in Centre Hall to Mrs. Margaret E. Bailey, of State College, for \$1700. The dwelling is a frame structure, and was erected only a few years ago by Mr. Neese for his own use. Mrs. Bailey will not occupy her new home for a year, as she owns a dwelling house at State College and is giving quarters to a number of students. She is the daughter of John Kline, of the Spring Bank mill, near Rebersburg.

On Wednesday of last week John L. Dunlap, Calvin Weaver and John G. Bailey, Commissioners of Centre County, held a consultation with the Commissioners of Clearfield county. It was agreed that an engineer be engaged to make two sets of plans and specifications in connection with the building of the proposed Maple street bridge leading to Chester Hill, one for a concrete bridge and the other for a protected steel structure. The work of drawing up the plans, etc., was conceded to Centre county, which will be done by J. H. Wetzel, of Bellefonte, at the completion of which bids for building the bridge will be advertised, the contract let and the work started as soon as possible.

Henry Houser, of Hecla, moved on the farm purchased by him, near Linden Hall.

Andrew Breon, of College, moved to the James Henderson farm in Marion township.

After a stay in Pittsburg for some months, Mrs. Laura Lee is back to Centre Hall.

D. A. Grove, of Lemont, recently purchased a fine lot of horses in Kishacoquillas Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Swabb moved back to Pine Grove Mills from Altoona, because of lack of work.

The Blanchard Summer Normal will begin April 20th, 1908. For information inquire of address P. Milford Fletcher, Blanchard.

On Sunday afternoon a local option meeting will be held at Hublersburg. Prominent speakers will be in attendance to address the meeting.

Jesse Pennington, of Ferguson twp., is housed up nursing several broken ribs caused by a fall, and his chum, Adrian Murtoif, is ill with bronchial trouble.

Will McClenathan, of Centre Hall, lost a valuable horse on Saturday caused by paralysis. The horse was valued at \$150, and will can illly afford the loss.

G. B. Campbell, of Ferguson twp., intends to quit farming but not work, as he is only getting in proper shape for a lot of real hard work by building a barn.

W. O. Rearick, the Milroy grain and coal dealer, was through Potter township recently in quest of clover seeds. He was formerly from Centre Hall, and is always welcome by farmers and business men.

During the past ten days the condition of Al. Osman, at the Bellefonte hospital, has improved very much. He is able to sit up, and by the use of a wheelchair is able to move about. His physician claims that the indications are he will get well.

William Motter, who for the past few years has been conducting farm operations on the Carson farm, in Georges Valley, will be tenant on the Green Decker farm, also in Georges Valley. Mrs. Motter's maiden name was Decker, and with her it will be a matter of getting back to the old homestead again.

State College is going to have an old time Fourth of July celebration this year. The Alpha fire company of that place has taken the initiative and a glorious time is predicted. State College has grown to such proportions within the last few years that she is really in position to make quite a show and entertain a big crowd.

Robert Billett, who for some time past has had charge of the poultry department, on the experimental farm at State College, has resigned his position, and on Monday the family moved their household goods to Clintonville, Clinton county, where he expects to follow the occupation of a farmer. R. B. Mitchell, of Mahaffey, will take charge of the poultry department and conduct the same in the future.

Rev. S. L. Boston, employed as an Evangelist in the Presbytery, of Huntington, will begin a series of meetings in the Presbyterian church at Centre Hall, on Sunday, April 19th. He is well and favorably known in Bellefonte, and it is probable that quite a number of people from this place drive over the mountain to hear him. "Wherever I go, Boston goes he makes a good impression by his earnestness and power in proclaiming the gospel."

SNOW SHOE TWP.

Lula Prince, after spending several weeks at Thos. McCartney's returned to her home at Curtin, Saturday.

Thurman Witherite spent Sunday among friends and relatives at Mt. Eagle.

Adelaide Smoyer visited friends and relatives at Runville, over Sunday, and also attended the sale of H. A. Witherite's.

James Poorman and wife, also Elsie Bottorff, of Snow Shoe, were guests of Chas. Heaton's, Sunday.

Seth Poorman spent Sunday with his brother, Thos, at Runville.

Wm. McCloskey and family, who have been living at Jersey Shore, moved their household goods here last week and expect to live here.

Maude Eminhizer who has been employed at Roll Shank's returned to her home Saturday.

BOGGS TWP.

Edith Fetzter and Mabel Burd spent Sunday afternoon with Nancy Kelly of Fair View.

Lee Johnson spent Sunday afternoon with Clyde Fetzter.

Clyde Watson, of Divide, spent Saturday and Sunday at Fair View.

Mr. Orvis Fetzter, of Yarnell, spent Saturday evening and Sunday with his uncle, Joseph Fetzter, of this place.

Joseph Fetzter and wife, of this place spent a week with friends and relatives at Mill Hall, and Lock Haven.

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Instructor in Mathematics.

Prof. S. W. Niederhauser, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, has taken the position of instructor in mathematics, vice Prof. H. Ross Smith resigned, at State College. The new instructor has taken graduate work at the University of Chicago, DePaul and Oberlin colleges and for a number of years was an instructor at the Northwestern college, Naperville, Ill.

Announcements:

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

We are authorized to announce the name of ROBERT M. FOSTER, of State College, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination of Assembly on the Democratic ticket.

We are authorized to announce the name of A. A. FLETCHER, 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 G. F. WEAVER, of Gregg twp., as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Register, on the Democratic county ticket.

We are authorized to announce the name of WM. J. CARLIN, of Miles Twp., as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Democratic county 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 WOLL, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Assembly.

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 Democratic nomination for 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 PIERRE MUSSER, of Millheim, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Recorder of Centre county.

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

We are authorized to announce the name of W. HARRISON WALKER, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for the nomination of Congress on the Democratic ticket in the 1st Congressional district.

DELEGATE TO NATIONAL CONVENTION. We are authorized to announce Frank E. Nagney, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for delegate to the National Democratic convention subject to the action of the Democratic voters of this, the 1st congressional district.

In compliance with the Act of Assembly providing for the nomination of candidates by petition in the office of the Commissioners of Centre county and my name will appear on the official ballot as a candidate for the nomination for the office of County Treasurer on the Democratic ticket to be voted at the primaries to be held on Saturday, April 11th, 1908. I sincerely desire the honor of being the candidate of the Democrats for this office. I make my appeal for support to the Democrats of Centre county and will cheerfully abide by their decision. Feb. 15, 1908. HARMON SECHLER.

AN OPEN LETTER.

Bellefonte, Pa. March 16th, 1908. I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of Member of the General Assembly. The condition of the roads and the short time remaining until the date of the Primaries renders a canvass of the county impossible.

In answer to numerous inquiries, I beg to say that I concede the fairness of the demand that each candidate declare his attitude upon what it is agreed will be two very important questions for decision in the coming Session of the Legislature—the question of the admission of a United States Senator and the adoption of a Local Option Measure. When certain issues are clearly foreshadowed, I admit the right of the people to be informed in advance on which side of the question the candidate stands. They will not tolerate any dodging or evasion. I do not hesitate, therefore, to say with absolute candor, that if nominated and elected—

I will unalterably oppose the re-election of Senator Penrose to the United States Senate. Believing in the right of the majority to rule, I shall support a bill that will give the people an opportunity to determine for themselves whether or not they want intoxicating liquors sold as a beverage. The spirit of our institutions and the fundamental principles of our government suggest the fairness of the proposition. It is a business that affects the general welfare and they should have a voice in the determination of the question.

If I should become the representative from this county, I should feel it my duty to labor incessantly for such Legislation as will best promote the interests of our farmers, merchants, tradesmen, manufacturers, miners, laborers and the public institutions within the confines of our county.

And I should regard it equally my duty to most vigorously oppose all vicious Legislation conceived and proposed in the interest of a class that thrives upon vice, immorality and political jobbery.

If, with me, you feel that as citizens we will be benefited by the enactment of laws calculated to advance the cause of civic decency, to secure the adoption of cleaner methods in politics, and to generally improve the condition of all the people, I now pledge you unreservedly my earnest effort for the accomplishment of such Legislation and I sincerely request your support of my candidacy at the primaries April 11th, 1908. Very truly yours, J. C. MEYER.

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CURTIN. Mrs. Irvin Kline, of Bellefonte, has been visiting her brother-in-law the past five weeks. Mrs. Elsie Laird has returned to her home in Altoona. Pearl Dukeman and sister Bernice are visiting their brother William, at Altoona, for two weeks. The stork left a little son at the home of Wm. Kline. Now for a new shingler. We hear of a wedding in the near future; get your tin pans, boys. The forge has started after being idle for the last three months. Quite a big flood on Thursday. Fishing is all the go at the present time. Grace Kieme has returned to Bellefonte and is busy learning the milliner trade.

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