

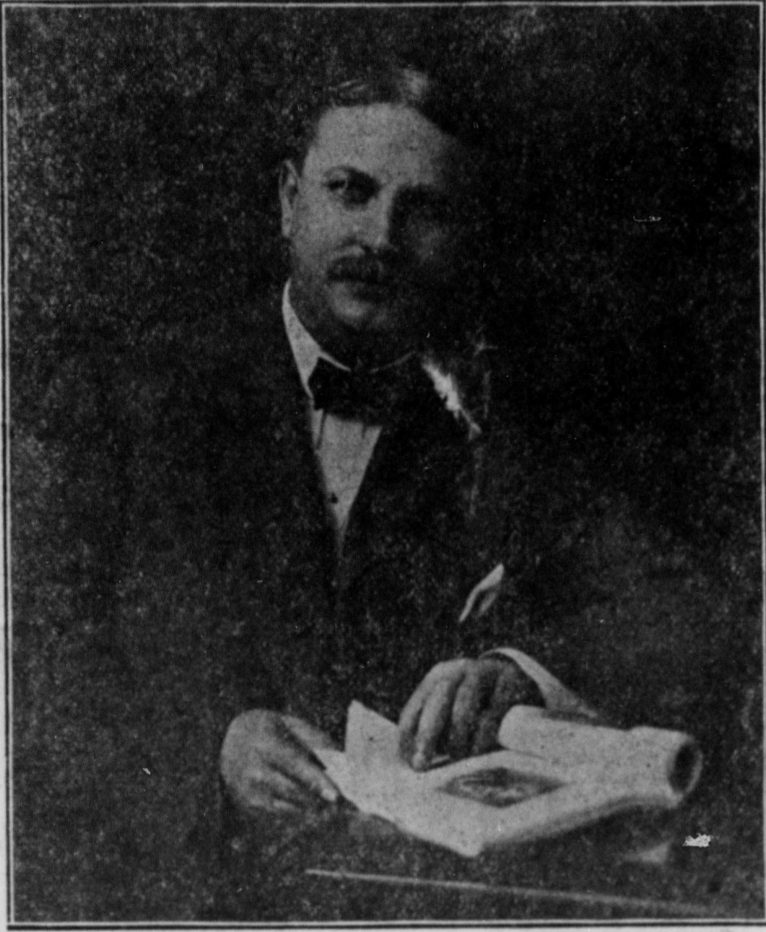
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FOR ASSEMBLY



J. C. MEYER,
of Bellefonte.

The subject of this sketch, born of humble and poor parents, on the farm in Haines Township, Centre County, Pa., educated by his own earnings, thrown early in life upon his own resources, has established for himself at the bar of Central Pennsylvania, a reputation for legal learning, tenacious and unswerving loyalty to his clients' interests, and is esteemed a clean and honorable private citizen. Belonging to the class known as the "Common

People," he has always stood as the champion of their rights insisting that the rule of the majority shall govern, that every public trust demands the highest and most devoted service. He has always opposed political corruption and in every public station to which the people have called him he has discharged his duty impartially and with great credit to his constituency. Honest, frank, able and courteous, with the courage of his convictions, he stands thoroughly equipped for public service.

THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE.

The campaign, as it is drawing to a close, is becoming more doubtful than ever. Exhaustive test votes have been taken, especially in New York and other doubtful states and the result, boiled down, can be stated in a few words, New York is the final battle ground, and Bryan or Taft must carry it with its 39 electoral votes to secure the Presidency.

To begin, in every part of the country there is a decided falling off in the vote cast for Roosevelt four years ago, Judge Taft fails to arouse enthusiasm in his party. General apathy prevails in the party ranks this year, something that was evident from the time the nominations were made. Taft also seems to have inherited and must suffer for many of the blunders of the Roosevelt administration.

The electoral college contains 453 votes which require 243 for an election. Among the doubtful states this year are Indiana, Kansas, New York, South Dakota, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and possibly New Jersey and Connecticut. Ohio, Indiana, Nebraska, Colorado and Montana, are considered likely for Bryan, along with the solid South and New York would elect him. Some claim that Taft can be elected without New York, but with Ohio lost, he needs it.

The conditions in New York State are most encouraging for Bryan. The canvasses made by the World and the Herald indicate that Chandler, the Democratic nominee, would defeat Gov. Hughes for re-election by 150,000. The same canvasses indicate that Taft would have a slight majority in the state of 9,000. This indicates a great landslide in the vote cast four years ago, and the margin is so insignificant in an enormous vote as to make the result extremely uncertain. The slightest change of sentiment would swing the state.

For that reason, on the eve of the election, both great parties are now centering their forces on New York. Orators from all parts of the country are flocking there for the windup of the campaign.

Bryan announces that he has knowledge that the Republican managers are appealing for a million dollar contribution with which to sweep the state—as was done in the last campaign.

The coming week Bryan and Taft will both appear in New York state, to contest every inch. It is announced that President Roosevelt will also leave the White House and make speeches for Taft. From this you will note that the situation is becoming painfully serious. Bryan is making a royal battle, and has upset all the calculations of the opposition. His election is predicted by many.

The following are reasons assigned for the weakness in Taft's candidacy:

The loss of a large portion of the organized labor vote.

The panic has brought distress, and workingmen out of a job want a change.

Especially through the West, as the World expresses it, "an insidious religious sentiment" is silently opposing the election of Taft, and its extent is alarming to his supporters.

On the other hand Bryan has grown in popular favor. The public have seen his policies approved by Roosevelt. They have confidence in the man's sincerity and admire his ability. They endorse the publicity of campaign contributions prior to the election. They approve of a system to guarantee bank deposits. Other reforms advocated by him appeal strongly to the people. He is growing stronger every day and the morning after the election don't be surprised if you hear that Wm. J. Bryan will be the next President of the United States.

A COMBINATION.

Rob it out they can't; deny it they will; avoid it they will try. The work of the campaign is a matter of record and of common knowledge among our people. Before the Republican primaries Bert Taylor and Bing Brown were continually in the public eye. They planned, schemed and conspired, and endeavored together; and a notable thing at the primaries was that the Taylor and Brown forces seemed always in the same localities. The primary vote will prove this.

After the ticket was named the Bellefonte end—Taylor and Brown—saw the advantage of joining with Hurley, the purpose of which was mutual advantage. Thus the two points in the county of heavy population could be easily covered by Hurley looking after Philipsburg and Rush township, while Bert with Brown helping, promised to handle Bellefonte and Spring township.

It is a clever deal, but all the cunning of a Taylor or smooth work of Hurley cannot fool the people through the campaign.

Repeatedly during the past month people from Taylor, Huston and Worth townships have called at this office to report that liquor was being shipped into those places to young men, and invariably the announcement was made that it was Taylor and Hurley booze. Same report comes from out in Spring township and other points in the county. Bert Taylor is a noted artist in handling political boze; Hurley plainly indicates by his conduct in this campaign this fact that he is not averse to that kind of argument and complaint is made of his style of work among young men in and around Bellefonte.

Thus these two as leaders, with Brown as a third man, have joined forces and in every part of the county you get the evidence. How long they will hold together remains to be seen, for in his desperation Taylor will trade the entire Republican ticket if necessary to insure his success. The game is a desperate one. Any method will be employed and any sacrifice will be made.

For mutual benefit Taylor, Hurley and Brown have stood together thus far. The people have seen it from the start, and vigorous denials will not satisfy them. They cannot conspire to trade the balance of the ticket for their benefit without a protest from the other nominees, which already has been made.

WHAT DID IT COST?

In the Lycoming district Elias Deemer, another millionaire, is running on the republican ticket for congress. Deemer spent almost \$10,000 for the nomination while Mr. Wilson, his opponent spent only \$62. Recently Deemer sent an article from an alleged labor paper, in Harrisburg, to all his subsidized papers in his district. It urged laboring men to vote for Deemer. It since has been proven that Deemer, the boodler, paid exactly \$1,000 for that article.

What do you think of that? Last week the Gazette contained an article from this same grafting labor paper at Harrisburg, endorsing Barclay, for congress in this district. Unless they changed their rates, that notice must have cost Barclay a cool \$1,000. We would like to have Mr. Barclay answer over his signature: "What did it cost."

No wonder that when a man secures an office under such circumstances, that he does not want to be annoyed by appeals for pensions and free delivery mail routes, from people he may never have seen or in whom he has little personal interest.

WE NEED A CHANGE.

AFTER the election we presume Bert Taylor will want to pose as a Democrat.

B.F.T. CENTRAL WRECK.

On Saturday afternoon a wreck took place on the Bellefonte Central railroad in which a number of passengers were seriously, but not fatally, injured. The regular train left State College about 3.40 to make the usual trip to Pine Grove Mills. In front of the engine were two cars, one loaded with coal and the other an empty box car. Behind the engine was the regular passenger coach in which were about a dozen passengers. When the train reached what is known as Johnston's one bank, about one mile south of the College, the passenger coach was derailed, and it ran on the ties for a distance of about eight rods when it toppled over an eight-foot embankment. The car fell on its side and then slipped down over the bank. The passengers were thus thrown on a heap on the side of the car next to the ground. To add to the consternation some of the seats, on the upper side of the car, fell on the terror stricken occupants. At first it was thought most of the passengers had been fatally injured, but it was soon discovered the personal injury was not as great as was anticipated. The most seriously injured were Miss Sadie and Susan Danley, of Pine Grove Mills, who were employed in the Commercial Telephone Exchange at the College, and James Muffett, of Stone valley. These three were brought to the Bellefonte hospital on a special train where it was found that Miss Sadie Danley was suffering from a broken arm and was cut and bruised about the head. Miss Susan Danley also received several bruises about the head, while Mr. Muffett had a badly lacerated face. Miss Ida Sunday, who had her arm broken, was taken to her home at Pine Grove Mills. All in the car were more or less bruised, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. William Collins, Mrs. John Miller, Paul Martz, William Randolph and Samuel Dunlap. It is said Conductor Ross Parker was found on one of the package racks with the side of his face slightly scratched. The injured who were taken to the hospital are getting along nicely. On Tuesday Mr. Muffett went home but the young ladies will remain for awhile yet.

How the accident occurred is still a mystery, although it is believed by some of the passengers that one of the brake beams, under the car, dropped down and threw the car off the rails. Another strange thing about the wreck was, the engine and the two front cars remained on the track. As soon as the news of the wreck reached Bellefonte the managers of the road were promptly on the scene to give assistance where ever needed.

WOMAN'S BUILDING DEDICATED.

On Friday the new Woman's building at State College, was dedicated with appropriate ceremony. A large number of distinguished ladies from all sections of the State were present. The morning was spent in investigating the building and equipments, and at noon luncheon was served in the new building under the direction of Miss Waugh and Miss Bemis.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock the regular exercises were held in the auditorium, presided over by Miss Sarah Cutts Lovejoy. The address of welcome was made by President E. E. Sparks. This was followed with addresses by the following ladies:

Mrs. Anna C. M. Tillinghast, chairman of the committee on domestic science scholarship, on "The Place of Domestic Science in the Amelioration of Mankind." Miss Myra Lloyd Duck, of Fayetteville, one of the vice presidents of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, gave an account of the experiences of herself and Miss Kate Cassett McKnight before the last legislature in the interests of an appropriation to establish a course in home economies at State College and to enlarge the woman's building. The last address of the day was delivered by Mrs. Sarah Tyson Rorer, who is famous for her writings on cookery, on "Educational Value of Domestic Science."

The cadet battalion gave an exhibition drill on Beaver field at four o'clock. The entire woman's building is now about 140 feet in length, 50 feet deep and three stories high. It contains fourteen suites of rooms, each suite being comprised of two bed rooms and a sitting room, and nine single rooms in the dormitories, enough to accommodate twenty-two students as well as the instructors. On the first floor is a big reception room, an immense laboratory and two smaller demonstrating rooms. It is a very complete building and well adapted to the needs of the course in home economies.

James Kerr Seriously Ill.

The friends of Hon. James Kerr of Clearfield, will be shocked to hear that he is seriously ill, suffering from some obscure disease of the liver. Mr. Kerr has been confined to his room in a private hospital in New York during the past three weeks. He has not been able to give any attention to his business affairs, and, of course, has not been permitted to keep in touch with the political situation.

At the time of the Denver Convention Mr. Kerr was taken ill and since then has been ill at times.

ANOTHER INSINUATING LIE NAILED.

Last week the Gazette attacked Fred F. Smith, Democratic candidate for sheriff, in the following cowardly and insinuating article:

An Extensive "Farmer."

The Democratic papers have been making such a tremendous hullabaloo about Fred F. Smith, the Democratic candidate for sheriff, being such an extensive farmer, that we have been led to make inquiry, and upon investigation find that his "farm," which is located in Rush township, contains nineteen acres and twenty-three perches, neat measure. This, however, is not his entire "farm" as that embraces the whole of Rush township, since he drew within the last two years over \$700 from it as Road Master; and when a "farmer" is able to draw more than one dollar a day from his township for each working day in the year, it is hardly likely that he can do much of his own plowing if he gives value received to the taxpayers. There is something wrong somewhere and we don't just know where it is.

FARMER FRED SMITH REPLIES.

Philipsburg, Pa., Oct. 19, 1908

Mr. Chas. R. Kurtz,
Bellefonte, Pa.

Dear Sir:—The maliciousness of the "Gazette's" attacks upon me was made unusually conspicuous in its last issue when it said I only owned 19 acres of land in Rush township, and could not on that account be called a farmer. The editor of that paper knows or should know that I have 36 acres which I have worked into a little farm with a vast amount of labor and care. He also knows that he does not publish the truth, when he says that as Road Master of Rush township for the last couple of years I received \$700. The books show that, for the year 1906 I received \$130; for 1907, \$125; a total of \$255, instead of \$700, for my service as Road Master. You will kindly deny the attack upon me.

Yours Respt.
FRED F. SMITH.

CHILDREN STARVING.

Evidence of Republican Prosperity in the Greatest City in all the West.

Although living under a Republican National administration, Republican state, county and city administrations, citizens of Chicago are being asked to raise a fund of \$500,000 for the benefit of starving children. All the Chicago papers are making appeals for the collection of such a fund. They do not conceal the fact that there is immediate necessity for the relief of more than 15,000 children found suffering from hunger in the public schools in that city. City officials, headed by the Mayor, have the matter of relief in hand.

Much was heard about "soup houses" in 1897, but no such condition as this was given by Republican orators, who made the panic of 1893 the burden of their speeches, and yet Mr. Taft, Gov. Hughes and other Republicans on the stump, are predicting that the country will go to the bad in the event of Mr. Bryan's election. There were no starving school children in '93 and as Mr. Bryan aptly said in his speech to the Bryan and Kern Business Men's Association in that city, official statistics show that the losses by reason of business failures for nine months in the present fiscal year are in excess of those for the same period during the panic of 1893.

It does not lie in the mouth of Judge Taft to prophesy hard times in the light of the record of the present administration, of which he is the shining member.

Telling of his joy, He Dies.

"I had a fine time last night at the Pythias Temple dedicatory services," remarked A. H. McCloskey of Altoona, aged 33, a clerk, to a friend while on his way to work Saturday morning. The next minute he fell over dead, on the street, a victim of heart disease.

SHOOTING AFFRAY AT TYRONE.

Tyrone was treated to a sensation Friday evening in the shape of a shooting affray, the result of which may prove very serious.

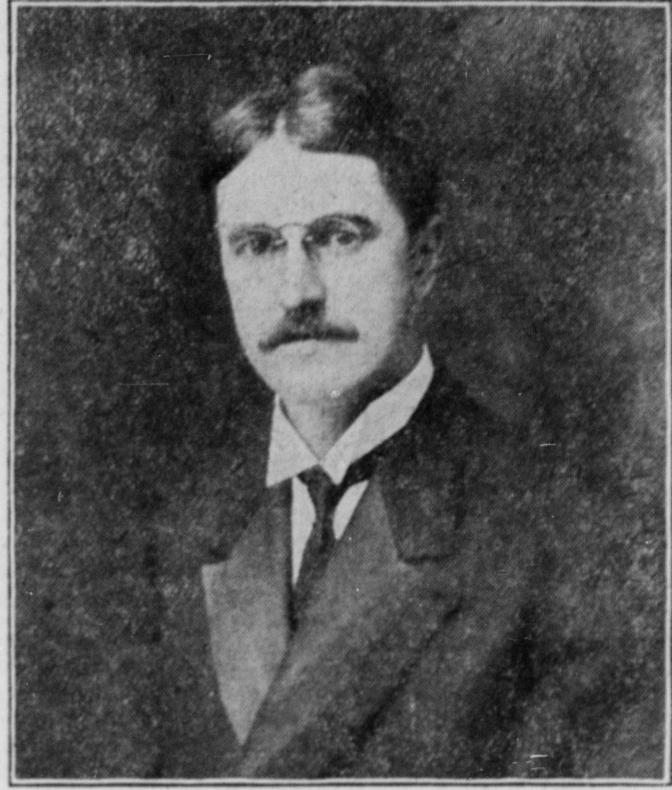
Clarence Wolfe, a fireman on the Tyrone division, and who for the past week has been running on the local freight coming into Philipsburg about noon en route to Graham, had not been getting along very tranquilly with his wife of late, and only recently they separated, the wife going to the home of her mother, Mrs. Frank Harris, who also resides in Tyrone. Later, it is alleged, the husband advertised the household goods for sale and then the wife followed this notice with another, stating that the goods were hers and not for sale.

Friday night about 9 o'clock Mr. Wolfe went to see his wife and there was an altercation. It is alleged that he made an attempt to take the baby, aged 2 years, and that the wife objected. He drew a revolver and she attempted to grasp it. Before she could succeed, he fired and Mrs. Wolfe received the bullet in her left arm.

Wife, whose mind, it is thought, has of late shows signs of being slightly unbalanced, then turned the weapon upon himself and attempted to take his own life, shooting himself in the head immediately above the eye. Both were removed to the Altoona hospital, and a message Friday afternoon states that Mrs. Wolfe may lose her arm and that he is in a very critical condition, the bullet in his head not having yet been located.

Several years ago when Bert Taylor attempted to vote at a Republican primary his vote was challenged on the ground that he was not considered a Republican. The same challenge will be put to him by the voter.

FOR CONGRESS



W. HARRISON WALKER,
of Bellefonte.

W. Harrison Walker, Esq., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Walker, and was born at Salona, Pa., August 30th, 1874. His parents were plain, sturdy and frugal Pennsylvania German farmers, and his early life and boyhood days therefore were spent on the farm, and his early education was that afforded by the county schools. Later he attended the Centre State Normal School, at Lock Haven; from there he entered the Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove. Choosing the legal profession for his life's work, he next became a student in the Dickinson Law School at Carlisle, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in June, 1896. Immediately thereafter he came to Bellefonte, and in July, 1896, was admitted to the Centre County Bar, where he has practiced his profession continuously for the past twelve years, and in which time he has not only rapidly advanced but has succeeded in establishing a large clientele in Centre and adjoining Counties. This has been done solely upon his own resources; through his untiring zeal, and close application to his professional duties and the high estimate accorded to his integrity and ability the community soon ceased to appreciate his worth. In his profession he has attained a high degree of success.

As Burgess of Bellefonte, in 1903, Mr. Walker made a splendid record, and gave Bellefonte Borough an administration that was notable for the good work accomplished.

This year the nomination for Congress in this district was tendered him. Owing to the Republican majority and the unlimited cash of the Republican nominee few, if any, were willing to enter in a contest with Mr. Barclay. Fearless and undaunted, with splendid courage, this young man took up the gage of battle and since then it has been fast and furious. Without a campaign fund back of him, he has stirred up the entire district. He is demonstrating that dollars are not the only passport to political preferment; he is demonstrating to the young man what energy and pluck will do. His candidacy is one that appeals to every ambitious young man.

W. Harrison Walker is Centre county's candidate. We believe he is worthy of your support.

One more thought. It is over twenty years since Centre county has had a Representative in Congress and in that time our interests were neglected. In many ways, we believe, Mr. Walker, if elected, would be in a position to look after matters of importance to our people.

HELP WANTED.

An Appeal For "The Bread Line," From New York City.

We have been requested to publish the following appeal by the Bowery Mission and Young Men's Home, of New York City, which is doing a great work for struggling humanity:

The Bowery Mission "Bread Line," at which 1,000 men who are out in the streets for the night are given a breakfast of hot coffee and rolls every morning at one o'clock, is one of the most pathetic sights in all the wide, wide world. Long before the hour of opening came, these poor, starving men stand in a single line that sometimes extends for blocks in length, waiting for the coffee and rolls. During the winter, this breakfast is given to an aggregate of 210,000 homeless men and boys, and up to date over half a million of the homeless have had their weary tramp restfully interrupted by this unique ministrations. The first of these breakfasts is given on Thanksgiving morning, and the last on the following Easter morning. Altogether the Mission supplied, this year, over 312,000 meals and 57,072 lodgings to homeless men and boys.

It is for this grand, philanthropic work that we ask your kind and practical co-operation. The homeless, friendless, disheartened and despairing men and boys of the Bowery are not native New Yorkers, but men and boys who, until within a year, lived happily at the old homestead with father, mother and perhaps wife. They are stranded here, and in despair appeal to the Old Bowery Mission, which, for over thirty years, has been to the unfortunate, as the rescue cities of old, a haven of encouragement, rest and protection. Shall we turn them away? It rests with the good people of this country to decide this question, and may God graciously help you to decide it aright. John C. Farl, Financial Secretary, 92 Bible House, New York City.

WE NEED A CHANGE.

Yes, we need a change. In New York City one class of people are so rich that they don't know how to spend their money. Another class are so poor that they would starve were it not for Christian charity. This country, by unequal legislation, is creating millionaires and paupers.

WE NEED A CHANGE.

Why? Why?

Why should Centre county citizens go away off to Sinnamahoning for a congressman to represent them, especially when Barclay, the Sinnamahoning candidate, has had one term, is a millionaire, and in his votes in congress did not side with the interests of the people, but stood in with the trusts and corporations, with few exceptions, are the curse of the times? Why should the farmers and laboring men cast their votes for such a one? The farmer, mechanic and laboring man thereby votes directly against his own interests. Why not vote for a good and competent citizen of your own county, W. Harrison Walker?

Centre county is again out of debt.

A COMMON COMPLAINT.

To confirm the opinion that Barclay is a useless piece of furniture to this district, as a congressman, we need name only a few instances:

We have learned of many old soldiers writing Congressman Barclay in regard to pensions and they never received as much as a reply acknowledging their inquiries. In other instances he practically did nothing, and appeals had to be made through other sources. That complaint is common.

Others complain that they have been working to secure Rural Free Delivery routes from certain post offices in the county and up to this time "nothing doing and nothing done"—even can't obtain replies to inquiries sent to Mr. Barclay.

Of what use is such a representative to this district? Have we not had enough of such men in congress? Is it not time for Centre countyans to support their home candidate in order to secure that which is due them?

W. Harrison Walker, who is active and energetic, would take pleasure in his duties and be of real service to our people, if sent to congress.

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Reunion of the 110th.

The 25th annual reunion of the survivors of the 110th regiment P. V. I., convened in Tyrone Friday morning, the meeting being presided over by President James Krebs of Millsburg. At roll call only thirty-one out of the twelve hundred that answered in the days of 61-65 responded. Interesting reports and communications were read during the session. Thirteen members of the company passed away during the past year and appropriate resolutions in respect of them were drafted. Officers were elected for the ensuing year and Bellefonte chosen as the next place of meeting, which will be on the third Friday of October 1909. An interesting campfire was held in the evening.

Union County Fortunate.

Union county, nominally a Republican stronghold, will in all probability send a Democrat to the State Legislature again this fall. This result will be effected both by the strength of the Democratic candidate, Frank L. Dershem, and by the weakness of the Republican candidate, J. Gundy Wolfe. The same thing is going to happen in Centre county. The best people are going to set their seal of condemnation on sending men to the legislature who are unfit in every way for such an important position.

A Garman Rat Story

Hiram Dry, who lives at Tyrone, purchased a crock of apple butter last week and had used about half, when on Saturday morning he went to refill the dish, to his surprise he found 17 small rats had been captured and died in a struggle for freedom. The story sounds rather "raty" but both Mr. Dry and Al. Garman have vouched for the truthfulness of it. Garman's rat biscuit seems to be a back number with Dry's apple butter.

If you must pay too much for fuel and light—you need a change.