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ALTOONA WILL ERECT CURTIN MEMORIAL

TO COMMEMORATE THE CONVENTION OF GOVERNORS

HELD DURING THE CIVIL WAR

A Memorial Hall With Bronze Bust of the Famous War Governor—To be a National Event—To Cost \$300,000 Organization Formed.

Early in the summer a meeting was held at the Logan House for the purpose of considering plans for the erection of a memorial to the memory of the late ex-Gov. Andrew G. Curtin, who held a governors' meeting at Altoona, Pa., on September 24 and 25th, 1862, which was regarded as one of the most important events of the Civil War. At the recent meeting it was thought that the best way to commemorate this event would be to place a bronze tablet in the office of the Logan House. Committees were appointed to devise some way to carry out the plans.

Last week this memorial committee held another enthusiastic meeting at the Logan House, every member being present. William F. Gable, of Altoona, presided, and he submitted plans for a memorial hall to be built of marble, in which a bust of Curtin and war relics might be kept on exhibition. The sum of \$250,000 to \$300,000 was suggested as the amount to be raised; that the states represented be asked to contribute at least \$10,000 and that voluntary subscriptions be also accepted. Andrew Carnegie's name came before the meeting and the suggestion was put forth that he be notified of the movement, in the belief that he might aid the project.

The correspondence committee was instructed to communicate with the adjutant generals of the various states which were represented at the meeting to start the ball rolling toward securing aid from the states they represent in the establishment of the memorial. The committee was also instructed to write to ex-Governor William Sprague, of Providence, R. I., to ascertain if he will receive a delegation of the general committee and give the members a personal account of the famous meeting. The publicity committee was also instructed to have the accounts of the meeting as found in the Life of Governor Curtin and in Colonel McClure's letters published in pamphlet form and to have them scattered broadcast over the country to incite interest in the movement. It is planned that the memorial be dedicated on the fiftieth anniversary of the meeting in 1912. Every effort is being made to make it a national event and to make the dedication of the memorial one of the biggest and most patriotic ever held in this section of the state. The committee plans that the country shall take part in the event, especially the seventeen states represented at the meeting.

Looters Rout Postmistress.

Miss Pearl Keyser, acting as postmistress at Mainville, Columbia county, has decided that she has had enough of the job and on Friday, instead of sending in her bonds for the position of postmistress, to which she was recently appointed after a civil service examination, she is sending in notice that under no consideration will she hold down the job. On Thursday night, for the second time, burglars ransacked the office and made a safe get-away with a considerable sum in cash and stamps.

When the office was burglarized several weeks ago, after she had assumed charge as acting postmistress, cash and stamps to the value of \$20 were taken. That meant the profit of the office for several months. Thursday night's burglary for several times that amount, was the straw that broke the camel's back.

Burglar Amazes Officer.

Early on Friday morning a lone burglar effected an entrance into the large confectionery store of Fallon Brothers, at Danville, and in the glare of an electric light calmly proceeded to take apart the cash register. The night watchman, thinking it was the proprietor preparing to open up, stepped inside with the remark that it was rather early to begin business. The burglar, stooping further over the register, replied that it was "rather early," and proceeded to extract several more screws before he aroused the suspicions of the watchman. At the watchman's demand to surrender, he turned out the light, and walking out of the front door, got away.

Not All Wild Turkeys.

According to the statement of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gonsallus, who farm on the ridge opposite the Hubbard bridge in Liberty township, not all of the turkeys that come to town are wild turkeys, as represented, as they claim to have lost two of the nicest of their flock on Friday, the opening day of the season, says the Lock Haven Express.

Election Day Nov. 2nd.

The fall election this year falls upon the 2nd day of November, that being as early in the month as it can ever come, as under the law it always falls upon the first Tuesday following the first Monday. November this year comes in on Monday.

If you are having sale this season remember that the Centre Democrat has over 5,500 circulation. Everybody reads, and almost everybody gets it.

EXCITEMENT AT SCOTIA.

Business Was at a Standstill Over a Tiny Eel.

The employees of the Scotia ore operation were greatly mystified over finding a live 16-inch eel in the water tank of their dinkey engine this week. About eight months ago the operation closed down, and since that time this engine was out of service, but had water in the tank.

There being no stream nearer than five miles to Scotia and this engine securing its supply entirely from artesian wells on the premises, it naturally puzzled the employees as to how it came there. It was discovered by occasionally getting in the feed pipe checking the flow to the boilers. It was so lively in the tank that all efforts to capture it failed, and finally steam was turned in the tank and it was killed.

Since then all the scribes and pharisees, soothsayers and philosophers, in all that region have been nightly gathering at favorite haunts discussing, debating, explaining over the peculiar phenomenon; usually dispersing further apart in their profound speculations than when they first assembled. Some naturalists explained that the eel in its foolish infancy left its native stream and followed a subterranean cavern and landed by one of these artesian wells. Others surmised that it was swooped out of some nearby stream by a violent cyclone and dropped from the clouds into the local reservoir, and then was pumped into the engine tank. Wearily the days and nights prolonged the speculation and no local talent could unravel the problem.

This week superintendent Wm. Burnside came to Bellefonte with a special appeal from the natives of Scotia to have us fathom the mystery, as all work about the plant was being suspended or delayed by this profound discussion.

At once the Editor of the Centre Democrat withdrew from the daily routine of worldly pursuits, that of trying to earn an honest living, and retreated to the innermost recesses of his sanctum-sanctorum for the purpose of mental concentration and reflection, in which the signs of the zodiac were compared with the procession of the equinoxes to determine the age of the piscatorial intruder. Light seemed to be dawning when the telephone rang rudely and Col. Burnside was on the wire with an important message—that it had been discovered that about a year ago a naughty fisherman had put a tiny eel in their reservoir, which, no doubt, found its way through the pumps to the tank.

Since then he reports the community at peace—no speculation produced more than that ever, that many employees up there will vote the democratic ticket this fall; and that if the cost of living should show any signs of lowering, there would be no reason why two could not live as comfortably on his salary, as by his own poor lonesome.

MANY STUDENTS INJURED.

On Saturday afternoon the freshmen and sophomore classes at Pennsylvania State College introduced into college athletics what is known as "push ball." This was to take the place of the annual flag scrap which was considered too rough, but the push ball proved two hundred per cent. more hazardous to the limbs of the contestants than the rough and tumble of the flag scrap. To play the game a large inflated leather ball, about four feet in diameter, is held in the air by four men. On one side of the ball were about 450 lbs. men and about 350 sophomores. The ball was knocked off the hands of the four men in the center when the skirmish began. The idea was to work it up and down the athletic field according to the strength of the respective sides. It proved to be the most brutal game ever witnessed at the college. The contestants, instead of going wild with excitement, became insane for the time being, regarding neither life nor limb that they might be successful. Some of the students were caught by the feet and dragged like saw logs from the crowd. They were trampled upon and battered up until about forty or more were injured, many of them having broken limbs, such as a leg, shoulder or an arm. Two of them were so badly injured that they were brought to the Bellefonte hospital for treatment. The faculty should at once put their seal of condemnation on such heinous sport as this game has proven.

THOSE AMENDMENTS.

On the ballot this year you will find a number of amendments to the present state constitution. You will be expected to vote for or against them. In order that you may familiarize yourself with the text of these amendments we would advise our readers to read the Election Proclamation in this issue which contains the text of these amendments as they will appear on the ballot.

Better read it over so that you will get some idea as to how you should vote, before you enter the election booth.

Dead or Alive.

The Schuylkill county commissioners today, offered a reward of \$250 for the return of Tony Bonchack, of Forestville, that county, dead or alive. The boy is 5 years old and was kidnapped from his home on September 30, on the date a little son was born to his mother.

For a week a large delegation of people of the village searched the mountains by day and night, were lowered into mine breaches and left scarcely a foot of ground unsearched, without being able to gain any trace of the missing child. It is believed that the boy was picked up by an automobile and carried to some distant point.

TWO YOUNG MEN NIGHT ROBBERS

BROKE IN OFFICE AND ARE FINALLY CAUGHT

THEY BOTH MAKE CONFESSIONS

Henry Gordon in Jail Again—Had Just Returned From Jail in Georgia—District Attorney Sweats Them Out—Clever Piece of Work.

Recently several merchants of Bellefonte have been the victims of burglars breaking into their places of business at night. On the night of October 6th the coal office of E. K. Rhoads was entered and money taken. On Friday night the office of the Fuel & Supply Co. was broken into and an attempt made to open the safe, but it failed. The intruders knocked off the knob of the safe, and on leaving took with them a bunch of keys and a pair of gum boots. The robbers were of such a crude nature that it was evident that it was not the work of professionals, but of some local talent. District Attorney W. G. Runkle, with policemen Harry Dukeman, Daly Justice and William Beizer set to work to run down the perpetrators. A clue was finally secured and on Monday night Joseph Wagner was arrested and the District Attorney put him through the sweat box, when he made a confession, and implicated Henry Gordon, who was afterwards arrested and finally confessed also. After a short hearing before Squire Keichline he was sent to jail to await trial at the next term of court. Gordon is a bad man who served time at the Huntingdon Reformatory, and figured in a number of robberies in this section. Less than two years ago he broke into a mail and express car at the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania station. He was taken up by the government officials to the United States District Court and convicted and was sentenced to the penitentiary in Georgia for fourteen months. He returned to Bellefonte about a month ago and commenced his devilment, and now he is again in the clutches of the law. Wagner, who is the only support of his mother, was permitted to continue working as a day laborer until court convenes.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

The following patients were discharged the past week: Sheridan Rossmann, Nittany, appendicitis; Jacob Emerick, Cato, typhoid.

Little Mary Howard, of Axeman, is improved, but not out of danger.

Mrs. William Witmer, of Buffalo Run, was admitted for treatment.

Miss Vera Willard, trained nurse, operation for appendicitis.

Miss Mary Owens, of Bellefonte, operation.

Nathaniel Morris, Snow Shoe, who was thrown from horse sustaining an injury to left shoulder and elbow joints, was admitted.

Mrs. Mary Pardue, of Coleville, operation.

Andrew Strubler, Bellefonte, admitted, gallstones.

Antonio Sincce, Australian, of Bellefonte, admitted, typhoid fever.

Frank J. Barrett, student at State College, injured two weeks ago, sprain of right ankle.

Archdeaconry Meets.

The Autumn meeting of the Williamsport Archdeaconry will be held in St. John's Episcopal church, Bellefonte, beginning on Monday the 25th and lasting through Tuesday the 26th inst. as follows:

Monday at 7:30 p. m.—Missionary services at which the appointed speakers are, Bishop Darlington; the Rev. Dr. J. P. Wheaton, of New York, formerly a bishop of the Roman communion; the Rev. J. W. Diggles, of Bloomsburg; and the Rev. F. W. Null, of LaPorte.

Tuesday, 9:00 a. m.—Holy Communion with sermon by Rev. R. F. Gibson, of Williamsport; at 10:00, business session; at 12:15, the visiting clergy and the vestry of the parish will be guests of the Ladies Guild at luncheon at the Bush House. From 2 to 5 p. m., business session. At 7:30 p. m., evening prayer with sermon by Rev. Thos. Gates, of Williamsport. All of the services and business sessions are open to the public and visitors will be heartily welcomed.

Among the Hunters.

The hunters of this vicinity are not finding game as plentiful as was expected, although the majority of them have come home with something. Dr. J. J. Kilpatrick went out into the Beaver Mills district and after tramping over many miles succeeded in getting about ten pounds of game. Frank Davis and Milton Kern went out and returned without getting a shot. John Nightgalt came back with his usual turkey. Linn Graham showed up with two pheasants and two squirrels. Bud Snyder secured a turkey. James Furst and F. D. Siefert one pheasant. It is said a number of wild turkeys have been shot in the mountains back of Unionville and Julian.

Berry Predicts Victory.

Former State Treasurer William H. Berry, of Chester, who was in Harrisburg on Friday, uttered a belief in the probability of a Democratic victory on the state ticket next month. "I have been all over the state," said Mr. Berry, "and find a great deal of anti-organization sentiment. I do not find so much idolatry for the gang that used to be so manifest. The people are getting very tired of machine rule and they do not hesitate to speak out loud. Altogether, I should pronounce things in most excellent condition for a Democratic victory."

INDEPENDENTS ARE OPPOSED TO TICKET

WILL NOT STAND FOR THE MACHINE-MADE TICKET

A SCATHING ARRAIGNMENT

Independent Republicans Hold a Rally at Pottsville—Denounce Political Tools—Gag at Methods in This State—A Ringing Speech.

On Friday evening there was an important gathering of Independent Republicans at Pottsville, Pa., in which prominent Republicans not only presided but made stirring speeches. The principal address of the evening was that of Hon. Henry Niles, of York, Pa., president of the Independent Republican state committee. In part he said:

Issues Defined.

The greatest improvement in the political condition of Pennsylvania has been the result of the defeat of bad Republican Candidates by Independent Republican votes.

More than 10,000 Republicans in the last four years have shown again and again their readiness to vote against the candidates of their party when the bosses have been emboldened to nominate men too outrageously unfit, or by methods too glaringly improper.

These true Republicans are ready at any time when the candidates of their own party are unworthy, to vote for high-class Democrats for administrative or judicial State offices who are absolutely honest and competent, in order that thereby the usurpers of the power of their own party may be punished and the State's administration may be reformed.

No political event has been more manifestly for the benefit of the Commonwealth than the defeat four years ago of Plummer, the Republican Candidate for State Treasurer by Independent Republican votes, and the election of the Democratic Candidate, William H. Berry.

The Republican organization had become so arrogant and certain of power that all restraint was thrown aside. Its tools in the legislature shamelessly violated their oaths and made no pretense of other motive than loyalty to the boss whose collar they gloried to wear.

A Governor, Treasurer and Auditor General were the easily deceived agents whereby millions of people's money, for no value received, has been secretly taken from the Treasury and distributed to organization favorites.

It was intended to keep up the same endless chain, whereby the money raised by taxation should continue to flow back for the election of other organization officials who would repeat the easy procedure of spoliation by public officers under the forms of law.

As a part of this plan, Plummer was nominated in 1905.

There seemed no cloud on the organization sky. If the bosses had feared any danger, a Democrat would have been nominated who would have served their purposes as well as Plummer.

Because there seemed not the remotest chance for his election, the Democratic Convention was permitted to nominate William H. Berry.

His election by the votes of Independent Republicans changed the whole history of the State.

The same legislature that had been contemptuous of all decency was re-convened and passed the reform measures that had been formerly scorned.

The fear of another defeat caused the nomination in 1906 of Governor Stuart and Auditor General Young, and in 1907, of John O. Sheats, as State Treasurer.

The reform accomplished by Berry, Sheats, Young and Stuart is the result of the action of conscientious Republican voters who threw off the chains of partisanship and defeated Plummer and elected Berry.

Except for their patriotic action, the capital scandal would never have been uncovered. There would have been no interruption of other schemes. Men like Stuart, Sheats and Young, who have been a hindrance to organization rascality and thorns to the bosses would have been impossible.

The situation of four years ago is now paralleled.

The manipulators of the Republican organization have had enough of such men as Stuart, Young and Sheats. They are tired of even the small appearance of being honest. They believe the people have again gone to sleep, and that it will be safe to renew their usual tactics and follow their natural instincts.

In their nomination of Stober and Slison they have returned to the old Plummer and Snyder type; and have turned from an experienced jurist like Judge Rice, to put upon the bench of the Supreme Court the selection of the Contractor bosses of Philadelphia.

The chief reason for the general opposition of the Bar of the State to Judge Robert Van Mochsisker is that he is the product and the candidate of the Philadelphia Machine.

If he were the most learned and able lawyer in the State, the fact that the influence of his learning and ability has never been against, but always in support of the Sordid Spoils System of politics, which is our disgrace and shame, were sufficient to make us pause.

To-day all of the forces of righteousness are engaged in a mighty battle against the system of corruption and greed in Philadelphia.

By the use of these methods of bribery and intimidation by which they have obtained and hold their power

over the Republican organization; and by gross frauds at the primaries which might have been corrected had the Ballot Boxes been opened; the Philadelphia Contractors' Combine prevented the name of Gibboney from appearing as the Republican Candidate for District Attorney, which was his right.

Republicans who heretofore have been too cowardly or careless to oppose tyranny and corruption have been aroused by this last outrage to enter actively in the fight for decency.

In this great battle between the forces of Civic righteousness and political corruption, when every man of conscience and courage in Philadelphia ought to be active in support of Gibboney, Judge Von Mochsisker is on the other side.

All of the forces of evil in Philadelphia are against Gibboney; and so is Von Mochsisker. That is a sufficient reason for opposition to him.

It is, of course, to be hoped, that if he were elected to the highest judicial place in the State he would forget his lifelong loyalty to the Philadelphia Machine, and be governed solely by considerations of right and justice.

But why should the good people of Pennsylvania run the risk involved?

They have the opportunity of electing Mr. Munson, a lawyer of fully as much learning and ability, and of quite as much culture and character.

He would be in no danger of having his judgment warped in the least degree by the feeling of gratitude and the habit of loyalty to the Philadelphia Bosses.

By a happy Providence, the Democratic Candidates, Munson, for the Supreme court; Kipp for State Treasurer, and Clark for Auditor General, are of the highest type of public men, and are unhampered by any personal or party obligations inconsistent with their duties to the whole people.

They should be supported by the same Independent Republican sentiment and vote that supported John Stewart for the Supreme Court, and Berry for the Treasury in 1905.

The highest duty of true Republicans in 1905 was to vote against Plummer and elect Berry.

The highest duty of true Republicans in 1909 is to defeat the candidates nominated by the Philadelphia gang, and vote for Munson, Kipp and Clark, who are free from taint.

A Republican who places patriotism above partisanship can do nothing more hopeful for the healing of his own party, or for the cleansing of his State than by voting at this time for the Democratic State Candidates.

If the candidates of the corrupt combination that still masquerades as the Republican organization are defeated this year also, a dawn of a brighter day for true Republicanism will have come.

NITTANY FURNACE IN BLAST.

Fires Were Started on Friday Afternoon

On Friday afternoon, about 2 o'clock, the Nittany Furnace was put in blast after being idle for about two years. In the presence of quite a number of persons the match was applied by Miss Katherine Musser, stenographer for the Nittany Iron Company.

Everything passed off without a jar of any kind, and on Saturday morning the first cast was made. The starting of this industry means the circulation of thousands of dollars in this community each month, and brings gladness and sunshine into many a home.

This furnace is credited with making the best quality of iron which has already been in demand all over the country. When times are good there is no trouble in disposing of all the iron that can be manufactured at this plant.

In about three weeks smoke will be seen coming from the smoke stack of the Bellefonte furnace which is now undergoing extensive repairs, costing a big pile of money. When everything is completed it will be, in many respects, better than when first built.

With the two furnaces and Scotia ore bank in operation several hundred men will be given employment which will leave very few unemployed workmen around here.

It is nothing more than right to state that the encouraging prospects of the revival of the iron industry in Bellefonte is due to the persistent efforts of W. A. Moore, president of the Nittany and Bellefonte Furnace Co.

Had he not been so persistent there is some doubt as to whether these furnaces would have amounted to more than junk. He made frequent visits to New York and Philadelphia with no other object than to perfect plans whereby these furnaces could be started on a paying basis.

The victory belongs to the people, and this is why we mention this fact. It is to be hoped that this wave of prosperity may be lasting.

Millheim's New Bank.

The Farmers National Bank, of Millheim, opened its doors on Friday morning, at 9 o'clock. The new bank is capitalized at \$25,000, with Dr. Geo. Frank as president and John Eby as cashier. The directors number eleven and are Aleman Frank, Henry Duck, Dr. George Frank and L. E. Stover, of Millheim; Ex-County Superintendent C. L. Gramley and Dr. Bright, of Hebersburg; John Rouse, Madisonburg; Henry Phillips, Harvey; Aaronsburg; Mr. Pealer, Spring Mills; and Mr. Fisher, Penn Hall. The bank is located in Al. Frank's new brick building which he erected this summer on the lot where the old Musser House stood.

Killed at Tyrone.

Frank P. Murphy was killed at Tyrone, on Monday evening. While engaged in the yards shifting for a passenger train he was struck while standing on the track and killed almost instantly. He was born at Penna. Furnace, December 14, 1871.

DEFEAT THE SEVENTH AMENDMENT

REASONS WHY THIS IS A DANGEROUS PROVISION

CHOOSE YOUR OWN OFFICIALS

A Scheme to Put More Power in Gangsters' Hand—Defended Only by Crafters and Political Healers—A Bad Measure.

This proposed amendment to the constitution of the state has been instigated wholly in the interest of the Gang's thieves, knaves and ballot box stuffers in our large cities.

There would be little objection to this amendment as proposed, indeed it would not have been proposed, but for this cause. But the General Assembly may require said boards to be appointed in such manner as it may by law provide. Laws regulating the appointment of said boards may be enacted to apply to cities only. The snake in the amendment is in this clause.

At the legislative session of 1903 there was passed an act which made provision for the appointment of election officers to fill vacancies by the commissioners of Philadelphia county.

Governor Pennypacker vetoed the measure on the ground that the appointment to fill vacancies on election boards was a judicial act, and could not be placed in the hands of the County Commissioners. To get around this and in order that the election machinery of our great cities might be entirely under the gang's control, the thieves, knaves and ballot box stuffers, this amendment is now proposed.

Why should there be any amendment authorizing a law which will allow a rotten, corrupt, or fool of a mayor, or a ring-controlled board of county commissioners, or any other person, or body of men to appoint the election boards, instead of allowing the people to elect them? Since the beginning of our constitutional government all election boards have been chosen by the electors, and only in a city so rotten corrupt and absolutely ring-controlled as Philadelphia, has any attempt been made to do otherwise.

This could not be done, although the attempt was made, without a change in the constitution. Now they ask the people to surrender their rights and place them in the hands of the monstrously corrupt political machines which control our great cities.

No voter, no matter what his politics is or has been, who desires free elections and a pure ballot will give his vote to this amendment.

It is of little consequence who voted for this amendment as its passage through the legislature was not final and the proposed amendment was to be passed upon by the people. It is now before them and should be overwhelmingly defeated.

Under the amendment, as proposed, the legislature can, and no doubt will, pass a law creating a commissioner of election boards in our large cities, or the legislature can confer this duty, under the amendment as proposed, on the mayor of the city. What beautiful commissioners of election such men as Jim McNichol, or Dave Martin, or such a consummate fool as the present mayor of Philadelphia would make. Any or all of these things are possible under Amendment No. 7, as proposed.

How do the honest, fair, freedom-loving people of Centre county like this prospect?

The very idea should be revolting to every good citizen. Only the ballot-box stuffers and ballot thieves who infest our great cities, and the poor, miserable, contemptible, political tools who laud anything and everything that emanates from machine rule in Pennsylvania advocate this perniculous measure. In so doing they merely strive to attract the attention of Gangsters, and win the brand of infamy—that of being a Penrose-Gangster which they hope may at some time or somewhere win some political favor or official preferment.

Defeat Amendment No. 7.

Big Hemlock Tract.

At the head of Potato creek, McKean county, the Goodyears own a virgin hemlock tract of 30,000 acres. Early next spring its cutting and peeling will commence until every vestige of this hunters' paradise will have been laid low. It is the last considerable body of timber in McKean county, which is rapidly going the way of her sister counties of Bradford, Potter and Tioga, as far as her wooded lands are concerned.

New Sunday School Lesson.

Just on the verge of pushing the Quay statue into the niche in the Capitol at Harrisburg on Thursday, the workmen stopped for the day.

Hundreds of visitors attending the State Sunday School convention watched the work. One of them asked: "Whose statue is that?" "Quay's," said a bystander.

"Oh, yes!" said the visitor, "I've heard of him; wasn't he from Philadelphia?"

E. K. Keller, of Pleasant Gap, on October 1st, received a check of \$1034.60, as payment upon a thirty year endowment policy in the Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, which expired on September 20th. He is greatly elated over the prompt payment.

When a widow reads her husband's obituary she is sometimes surprised to find what a good husband he had.

—John H. Cross \$4 ladies blucher shoes reduced to \$3. At Yeagers.