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## A. C. MINGLE IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

### HIS MACHINE TURNS TURTLE NEAR PHILADELPHIA.

## OCCUPANTS UNDER THE WRECK

### Until the Heavy Car Was Raised—Child's Collar Bone Broken—Others Uninjured—Car Slightly Damaged—Defective Tire the Cause.

The Philadelphia Press on Sunday morning contained the following account of an auto accident near that city:

A large touring car carrying six passengers turned turtle on Argyle Road, Ardmore, Saturday night, and imprisoned the occupants until the shrill cries of an injured baby brought help to the scene. A thrown tire was the cause of the accident.

The automobile was the property of A. C. Mingle, a prominent Bellefonte, Pa. business man, who has been spending several days in the vicinity of Philadelphia and who was returning to Germantown after a visit to Valley Forge.

Katherine Hoffer, 7 years old, daughter of I. O. Hoffer, Mrs. Mingle's brother whom they were visiting, of Germantown, sustained a severe contusion of the head and a fractured arm. The other members of the party miraculously escaped serious injury, although all were pinned under the car which turned completely over. In the automobile were Mr. Mingle, who is said to have been at the wheel; two women, friends of the Mingles, who reside in Germantown, and little Miss Hoffer and a few months old baby. The latter, held in the arms of one of the women occupants, escaped without a scratch.

Traveling along Argyle Road at a moderate rate of speed, near Havertown Road the machine suddenly swerved. The report of a bursting tire told the cause. The machine described a somersault then crashed to the roadway, burying the passengers.

The shrill cries of the injured child quickly brought help. The rescuers were compelled to lift the car from the ground before the imprisoned persons could be reached. A passing auto was pressed into service and the tourists rushed to the house of a physician. Later the party was conveyed to Germantown in another machine.

Escaped Uninjured. On Tuesday morning a letter was received by A. C. Mingle, who is Mr. Mingle's head clerk here in the shoe store. It was quite brief saying that no one was injured except the little girl while he had a few scratches and bruises they had a remarkable escape from a bad accident. He also stated that his car was very slightly damaged. Mr. Mingle and family left here over a week ago in their large Overland touring car for Philadelphia and Atlantic City and other points anticipating a delightful outing for their vacation.

## WOMEN IN CONVENTION.

The 51st annual convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Central Pennsylvania met in Grace Lutheran church, at State College, last week. The district includes Snyder, Union, Perry, Juniata, Mifflin, Clinton and Centre counties. The speakers were women of ability and brought messages of power and helpfulness to the meeting. Among the speakers were Rev. A. S. Hartman, D. D., of Baltimore, secretary of the Board of Home Missions; Rev. W. H. Doebler, D. D., of Beaver Springs; Mrs. Kreschling, of Philadelphia; Mrs. J. F. Seebach, of Lewisburg; and Miss Mary C. Lowe, who is a missionary to India. Splendid reports were made by the various chairmen of committees and departments. The report of credit is due the women for their active part in the missionary work.

The evening sessions were of a high order. The Grace choir under the leadership of Prof. Geo. Baldwin rendered several excellent selections at each evening session.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. W. M. Reaick; vice-president, Miss Anna Keiser; recording secretary, Mrs. J. C. Horton; corresponding secretary, Miss May Barry; treasurer, Mrs. A. H. Spangler.

## Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Rebecca Welsh, Mrs. Maude Coble, Mrs. Minnie Beckwith, Mrs. Oda Burris, Wm. Thomas, all of Bellefonte; Jacob Jackel, of the College; Mrs. Minnie Minnleyer, Coleville, were discharged as cured.

Robert Moyer, baggage-master on Lewisburg train, who was thrown against a car window September 10th, badly lacerating the left palm and wrist of hand, received treatment and was taken on afternoon train to his home in Lewisburg.

Miss Ruth Stewart, of Altoona, entered training school for nurses. Mrs. Ida Barner, of Hubersburg, admitted with typhoid fever.

## Fats vs. Leans.

In order to furnish amusement at the close of the season and to supply funds to liquidate the deficit in the base ball treasury, the Bellefonte boys have arranged a series of three games for the coming week between the "Fats" and the "Leans." Just who will make up the personnel of the two teams has not been announced. The games scheduled are as follows:

Friday, September 16.  
Tuesday, September 20.  
Friday, September 23.

There is more real enjoyment in one of these exhibitions than in a scheduled league game with professional players. The boys need the money and deserve liberal patronage.

## Has Been Quite Ill.

The Driftwood Gazette says that Congressman C. F. Barclay arrived home from Buffalo the other day. We understand that he has purchased a residence in Washington, D. C., and will soon make that city his permanent home. The Congressman has been quite ill since leaving Washington a few weeks ago.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

After October 1st, 1910, the names of about 300 delinquent subscribers will be dropped from our mailing list, in compliance with the recent postal regulations. If you are in arrears, better give this matter immediate attention, if you don't want to miss the paper.

After that date delinquents will be reported to the publishers' association of Centre county, and all accounts left for collection.

THE PUBLISHER.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

On Monday night the Bellefonte school board met for the first time in their new room in the new High school building, which is recognized as being one of the best in the State. The room is brilliantly lighted, and with a handsome Brussels carpet on the floor, everything looks cozy. Around a large oak table sat the directors in chairs upholstered in leather. They have every convenience possible for the transaction of business connected with the betterment of our schools. Around the long table sat the following school directors: Dr. M. J. Locke, the president; Homer Crissman, the secretary; D. F. Fortney, the treasurer; W. C. Heinle, Ross Parker, Charles Cook, Lewis Gettig and Milton Johnson.

One of the important items of business transacted during the evening was the effort made to determine what was the cause of the ringing of the gongs on Sunday night of September 4th, of which so much comment has been made within the last couple of weeks. Edmund Hayes, son of Dr. Robert G. Hayes, was the main target for the discussion, and he appeared before the board in his own defense. He stated that on that evening he started to go home about 10:30 o'clock and when he arrived at the school house he heard the gong ringing and found several persons there, among whom were Prof. Sloop, of the Bellefonte Academy, and Jerome Dale, who were first on the ground. The gong continued to ring and, according to Hayes' story, everybody who was in the building and escaped unscathed and the other boys held it while Hayes, because he was the tallest, went up and unscrewed the gong, but that failed to remedy matters. He then twisted the wire and the tapper on the gong and it stopped. After the gong was down off the ladder, the gong on the west side of the building which rings at the same time kept on ringing. The distance from the ground to the gong being out of the reach of the ladder, Edmund Hayes concluded he would get in the building and endeavor to stop it in that way. He went through a basement window, in front of the building, in the presence of a number of persons, and while getting through put his foot through one of the panes. He cut his leg, nevertheless, he lit matches and found his way up stairs to the superintendent's room. Here he found the room door open, and going in found the tape box open and the tape of the clock lying out on the floor. He said he simply stopped the pendulum and that stopped the ringing of the gong. He then hoisted the one window in the superintendent's room and climbed out. He said he was not in the building more than three or four minutes. This was confirmed by several of the young men present. Hayes claimed that his going in the building was purely to stop the ringing of the gong, and that was accomplished by simply touching the pendulum. At the Monday evening meeting D. F. Fortney drew up a resolution to operate Hayes from any malicious intent. The motion was lost by one vote. Fortney, Locke and Heinle voted for it, while Cook, Gettig, Crissman and Johnson voted against it.

Following the hearing, Superintendent Wagner made a report of the week's work. Up until that time there were 734 pupils enrolled and still more are coming in. The school board will receive \$132.52 a month from outside students who had entered the High school. He also stated that there was a contested situation in the second and third grades that would have to be relieved in some way immediately. In Miss Crissman's school there were fifty-eight scholars which were entirely too many for one teacher to handle. After some deliberation it was decided to order furniture for another school and employ an additional teacher. There will be forty scholars in the new school without making the number in the other schools less. As it is now, there are two grades in one room, which will not work to good results. A motion was made and carried that a drum should be purchased so that when school was dismissed at dinner time and evening all the scholars could march out at the sound of music. This is to discipline the children so that if anything ever happens like fire in the building the teachers will be able to have some control over them. Those who have seen this march are very well pleased with it.

For the lack of money it was decided to curtail further sidewalk improvements until next year. As it will require an additional janitor for the new building the names of William Barnhart and Thomas Morgan were presented and when the votes were counted Morgan won out. His pay will be \$45 a month. It was also decided to place \$52,000 insurance on the building and \$5,000 on the furniture. A short note was ordered to be drawn for school purposes until they could get some money from the tax duplicates, which will be some time in November. A Bell phone was placed in the office. This proved to be the most pleasant meeting held in years.

## Our Oldest Resident.

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## SENATOR TEMPLETON CAUSES SENSATION

### ONE OF TYRONE'S ATTORNEYS IN A BAD FINANCIAL MESS.

## IS CHARGED WITH FORGERY

### And Other Gross Irregularities—Misapplied Large Sums of Money Belonging to Clients—Reaches an Enormous Sum.

Revelations of the most astounding character concerning State Senator Chambers O. Templeton, of Tyrone, and his financial dealings with clients and others have come to light within the past week.

Friends and relatives are making a desperate effort to liquidate his obligations, which, it is believed, will aggregate \$125,000; but unless pressing creditors are satisfied within a few days, prosecution will be demanded.

Up until the present time, it is declared, Templeton has admitted irregularities in twenty-eight mortgages. In a number of instances it is declared forgeries on mortgages were found.

This instance is only one of a number that have come to the attention of the officials, as nearly every person turns up at the courthouse to find that he has been victimized.

Until a few weeks ago Templeton was trusted implicitly by every one. This instance has completely changed a prominent banking official of Altoona stated that two weeks ago Templeton's name would have been good for \$100,000 at his bank.

The break came when his former law partner, W. L. Hicks, returned from the State. Hicks discovered that some of his personal securities, valued at thousands, had been appropriated.

Templeton was the Republican candidate for re-election to the Senate, but one of the first things demanded by Mr. Hicks was the withdrawal from the race. A week ago, in a carefully prepared statement, Templeton withdrew, giving "business care" as the reason.

It is understood that as quickly as possible Templeton's assets will be turned over to a receiver.

In Tyrone, where Templeton lives, he has always been regarded as an honest, conscientious business man. He is a church deacon. He steadily refuses to make a statement, while his friends are doing everything in their power to shield him.

Relatives are among those who will lose heavily by his operations. His principal asset is a department store in Tyrone, of which he owns a large share.

The culmination of State Senator Chambers O. Templeton's long series of financial manipulations came on Friday, when he was arrested on a charge of forgery and held under bonds for an appearance before the Blair county October grand jury.

The arrest was made on complaint of Miss Elizabeth Myers, of Tyrone, who asserts she was defrauded of \$1000 by a bogus judgment exemption note given to her by Senator Templeton. She simply stopped the pendulum and that stopped the ringing of the gong. He then hoisted the one window in the superintendent's room and climbed out. He said he was not in the building more than three or four minutes. This was confirmed by several of the young men present. Hayes claimed that his going in the building was purely to stop the ringing of the gong, and that was accomplished by simply touching the pendulum. At the Monday evening meeting D. F. Fortney drew up a resolution to operate Hayes from any malicious intent. The motion was lost by one vote. Fortney, Locke and Heinle voted for it, while Cook, Gettig, Crissman and Johnson voted against it.

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Former Partner a Victim. Ex-District Attorney W. L. Hicks, former law partner of Templeton, is said to be the greatest sufferer. His loss is estimated as upward of \$40,000. Templeton is accused of having hypothecated securities and collateral and converted them to his own use. Hicks declares that he regards himself as morally responsible for all money lost as a result of confidence reposed in the firm, and his friends declare that he will make good so far as the shortage of his former business associate.

Turns Over Possessions. Monday evening, Templeton turned all his possessions over to Jacob Huffman, a retired business man of Tyrone. This was agreed upon by Templeton's creditors, and as soon as possible an appraiser will be appointed; and what is left from the crash will be distributed.

A conservative estimate puts the senator's assets at \$40,000 and his liabilities at this amount. Templeton is now under \$5,000 bail to answer to the charge of forgery, and other papers have been issued. He is confined to his home under the care of a physician and is a nervous wreck.

A Necessary Change in Program. By reason of the great thrush of students and the need of the presence of Dr. E. E. Sparks at the College on Friday evening, Dr. Sparks will speak in the afternoon at the dedication of the new High school building. The public will please note the change. The balance of the program will be as heretofore arranged and everybody is especially requested to hear Dr. Sneeden in the evening. It is hoped there will be a large turnout both afternoon and evening.

## GRANGE EXHIBITION IN FULL BLOOM

### A LARGE NUMBER OCCUPYING THE TENTS.

## POLITICIANS IN ATTENDANCE

### A Fine Display of Farm Products—Old Soldiers Hold Reunion—A Diversity of Amusements—Picnic is a Success.

There is more than usual activity this week at Grange Park, Centre Hall. The 37th annual Encampment and exhibition of the Patrons of Husbandry is in progress and is attracting immense crowds. It is the largest and best Grange Fair ever held on the grounds. The applications for tents this year surpassed that of any other year. Two hundred tents could have been rented very easily but it was impossible to supply the demand. There are a hundred and fifty up and all occupied by a happy, genial people who are out for a good time, and they are having it. Everybody is welcomed and made feel at home.

The opening of the camp took place on Saturday evening with an entertainment in the auditorium by the Scorer Amusement Co., of Philadelphia, who are there for the week. The midway as usual is filled with curiosities and novelties which keep the people employed while wandering around. The agricultural building is one of the most attractive places on the ground. Here is found fruit and vegetables in endless varieties, giving the people some idea of how much fruit and grain and other things have been raised in the county during the past year.

On Sunday afternoon Dr. W. H. Schuyler, of Centre Hall, preached to a large congregation. Monday was spent in getting things in readiness, such as placing exhibits and assigning places to the exhibitors. During the day Hon. Leonard Rhine, president of the association, made an address in which he cordially welcomed the people to the grounds and hoped they would enjoy themselves.

On Tuesday the Centre County Veterans' Club held its annual picnic there which was well attended by not only old soldiers from Centre county, but from adjoining counties. The address of welcome was made in the morning by Isaac Frain, one of the oldest and most highly respected grangers in the county. This was responded to by D. E. Pothly, candidate for lieutenant governor, and several of the speakers. After appointing committees they adjourned until the afternoon when Captain W. H. Fry presided. Instead of General Beaver, who was absent. The following officers were elected: President, James A. Tressler; 1st vice-president, W. H. Frain; 2nd vice-president, Austin Curtin, who was elected to take the place of W. C. Patterson, deceased; treasurer, George M. Boal; secretary, W. H. Muser. The old soldiers were then pleasantly entertained by several of the Scorer Amusement Co., after which addresses were made by Capt. Michaels, of Lock Haven; Hon. W. C. Heinle, Daniel Harter, of Ohio, and John Weaver, formerly of Bellefonte, but now of Olean, N. Y. The pleasing occasion wound up by the old soldiers singing some of the old airs they sang down in Dixie.

Wednesday was Republican day at the park, and on account of curiosity there was a fair crowd present to greet the spellbinders. The party consisted of John K. Tener, candidate for governor; the Hon. Reynolds, candidate for lieutenant governor; Perry Shaver, of Pittsburg; Charles E. Patton, candidate for congress, and Joseph Alexander, candidate for senator. In the morning an informal reception was held and in the afternoon a number of the gentlemen made addresses to the people, but in Centre county they might as well pour water on a goose's back.

To-day is Keystone day at the park and it would be very difficult to estimate the large crowd that will be there. In the morning at 9 o'clock Hon. D. Clarence Gibbons, of Philadelphia, candidate for lieutenant governor of the Keystone ticket, and Cornelius D. Skully, of Pittsburg, candidate on the Keystone ticket, will arrive in Bellefonte and a reception will be given them at the Bush House. At 10 o'clock the party will leave here for the Grange picnic. After a reception these gentlemen, with Hon. William Cressy, will make addresses. These gentlemen are all in the reform movement which has widened and broadened until it has reached clean up into Maine. They are good relations and will give the people of this county something to think about before the election. Friday will be sale day and a general round up of the fair.

## THE FINISHING TOUCHES.

The Court House is now ready for occupancy. On Wednesday morning Harry Clevestine put the last tack in the carpet in the main room. This carpet is green in shade and is laid inside the bar, making a very pretty appearance. The floor, under the seats, is covered with heavy gum matting, which deadens the sound when anybody walks over it or shuffles their feet. It will do much to lessen the noise in the court room, which has been one of the great difficulties heretofore. The room will be brilliantly lighted with pretty glass shades from the ceiling. They are made so that in case of an emergency gas could be used instead of electricity. It is said this is one of the finest rooms of the kind in the State. The large mahogany doors have been hung at the entrance of the court of justice, which also give it an imposing appearance. The floor in the historical library is now being laid, and when this is completed the remodeled Court House will be about ready to turn over to the commissioners, except the painting on the outside which will be postponed until cool weather kills the flies. Centre county can now boast of having something that is up-to-date and in accordance with the fame Centre county has secured through her progressive citizenship.

## THE GREAT CENTRE CO. FAIR.

The Centre County Fair will open on Tuesday, October 4th and continue four days. If the weather is favorable, so that the promoters can carry out their plans, it promises to be the most successful event of the kind ever held in the county. For the last month Christ Decker, of Bellefonte, has been on the ground making repairs and putting things in shape for the coming event. The track is now in the very finest condition so that the racing this year will be far above the average. A large number of high speed horses have already been entered which will afford abundant sport for the race track fiend.

These entries for the races are the best in years, and the events to be pulled off on the track will be exceedingly interesting. The managers have secured a number of fine attractions for the front of the grand stand which are certainly bound to please and give satisfaction. Among them will be a dog show where high dives will be made by the canines. There will be a trapeze performance and other amusements that will occupy the attention of the people between the races. This alone will worth the price of admission they carry.

In the poultry and stock department will be found an unusually large and fine display. The farmers are taking a deep interest in the fair and therefore it will be above the average. If you desire to see high bred horses, cows, sheep and young cattle you will find them there.

The fair committee, in order to show the people of Centre county what may be their personal gain in aiding to make the fair a success makes the following report: Last year the fair paid out to exhibitors between \$500 and \$700 in premiums, exclusively among local competitors. The association is incorporated for the purpose of encouraging the arts and industries of the county; and its premium list is so broad and complete that anybody can become a competitor.

The midway is the centre of general amusement and nothing of a gambling nature will be allowed on the grounds, so that the people can go there and feel that they are perfectly safe along this line. Everybody knows what to expect on the midway. There will be found the stately Ferris wheel, ocean wave, a merry-go-round, vaudeville show, tin-type galleries, striking machines, cane racks, coon on the can, and other things which will give the people, from the country, some idea of the excellent line of goods.

## BURGLARS AGAIN.

Thursday evening of last week about 9 o'clock the residents of East Howard street were startled by hearing a woman's screams coming from one of the houses in that vicinity. Fearing that some terrible tragedy was being enacted, it was decided by those in that neighborhood to investigate. A posse of three men, headed by John Long, was finally found brave enough to "hear the lion in his den." After locating the cries of distress as coming from the residence of Charles Rine, the trio entered. They found Mrs. Rine in a hysterical condition, lying upon the floor, and after succeeding in getting her in a calmer frame of mind were told that a strange man was in the house. The investigators then proceeded to make a thorough search of the premises, but could find no trace of the prowler. Mrs. Rine's story is that she was alone in the house, her husband having gone to town, she had gone to bed and to sleep, when she awakened and became aware of the presence of a strange man in her room. She immediately started to scream and ran toward the stairs, but she succeeded in eluding his grasp and getting down stairs where she fell in a faint. The only clue found was a back window open, where the intruder had probably made his entrance and exit. Mrs. Rine afterwards suffered considerably from shock and required the attention of a physician.

## A PROTEST FILED.

To the Lack of Accommodation at the Bellefonte Post Office. On Monday a petition, containing almost a hundred names of prominent business men and citizens, was shown at this office which will be forwarded to the Post Office department at Washington, with the hope of obtaining better accommodation in the local Bellefonte Post Office. The petition sets forth that heretofore, under former post masters, the office was kept open until 8 p. m. for the accommodation of business people, and many persons who were residents on the outskirts of the town and could only secure their mail after the usual working hours. Under the present postmaster, it asserts, the service has been still further curtailed one hour from 8 p. m. to 7 p. m., which further limits the opportunity of securing their mail and proves a great inconvenience. In consequence they are unable to not only secure their mail, but that merchants and the hotels have found it necessary to carry a large supply of stamps, etc., to accommodate the public in their frequent demands. It is further pointed out that the evening train from Tyrone brings important mail, and this is not now distributed in the boxes until the next day, thereby frequently causing unnecessary vexatious delays in business affairs. The petition asks that this mail be distributed the same evening upon its arrival, and the lobby of the postoffice left open until 9 p. m., so that box holders, and especially the business men, can secure their mail, which in many instances would enable them to answer important correspondence the same night, thus saving a day in important business transactions. This petition was prepared by Conrad Miller, the time operator, who says everybody signed it that saw it, and that there would be no trouble in having a thousand more names attached. He does not have the benefit of free delivery, is busy during the day like others, and that it was a great inconvenience to him to get to the postoffice by 7 p. m. to secure mail; that he frequently complained to the local postmaster but got little satisfaction for the effort. We know that the business people of Bellefonte complained frequently about not being able to secure their 8 p. m. mail; and when the postoffice service was still further curtailed they were indignant to say the least over the inconsiderate action. Lately, and possibly since this petition has been in circulation, it has been noted that the Bellefonte post office has been kept open longer in the evenings than heretofore, no doubt hoping thereby to appease public sentiment, when the Department's attention is about to be called to what the petition recites as a lack of consideration for the needs of the community in its postal service.

## The Idea a Good One.

The Ladies Aid society of the Lock Haven hospital have evolved a novel scheme whereby they hope to collect several hundred dollars to be applied on the \$5,000 debt for furnishings of the new hospital, which must be paid in October. They ask for one mill of pennies, \$544.50, and desire to place in the hands of every school boy and girl in Clinton county, teachers included, an envelope which will hold 18 pennies, trusting the same will be filled and returned to the teacher and the sum total sent to Miss Clara Kremer, 205 West Church street, Lock Haven, Pa., by November 1, 1910. All the Lock Haven schools and Normal have taken charge, and it is hoped every school in the county will fall in line thereby enabling the committee to raise the \$544.50.

## Special Meeting.

Everybody is invited to attend a series of bible readings and missionary addresses given by W. P. Knight, of the China Inland Mission, at the Y. M. C. A. Meetings are for men and women, beginning Sunday afternoon, September 12, at 5:30; Monday 3 P. M. and 8 P. M.; Tuesday 3 P. M. and 8 P. M.; Wednesday 3 P. M. and 8:30 P. M.; Sunday A. M. 10:30 Mr. Knight will speak in the Presbyterian church. Sunday 7:30 at a union meeting of all the churches of Milesburg to be held in the Baptist church.

## The Correct Name.

In speaking in a recent issue of Rev. Ilgen, early pastor of the Aaronburg Lutheran church, we inadvertently gave his name as Rev. A. J. W. Ilgen. On his tombstone near that church the inscription reads, "Hier Ruhet Ludwig Albrecht Wilhelm Ilgen," which is correct, of course—our attention having been called to it by native Aaronburg, many years in Kansas, Rev. J. A. Bright.

## REPUBLICANS DEFEATED IN MAINE ELECTION

### CHOOSE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE.

## REBUKE FOR ADMINISTRATION

### Cannonism, and Aldrich Tariff Are Repudiated—Will Lose a U. S. Senator and Congressman—Republican Majorities Reversed.

Maine is Democratic for the first time in thirty years. In the state and congressional elections on Monday Colonel Frederick W. Plafied, whose father was the last Democratic governor, chosen in 1880, overturned the old Republican majority, easily defeating Governor Fernald.

Not only did the Democrats win the governorship, but they captured at least three congressional seats and probably elected a legislature that will choose a successor to the retiring old reactionary, dyed-in-the-wool Aldrich ally, Senator Eugene Hale.

New Hampshire's routing of the standpat Republicans at the primaries last week and Vermont's reduced majorities were blows to the "regular" wing of the party, but Monday's reverse was a terrific smash. A majority of 7653 two years ago in this New England Republican stronghold has been turned to more than 5000 the other way.

National issues, such as the Aldrich tariff act, which Maine now repudiates, figured in the campaign. They were the main issues in the congressional fights.

Congressman John P. Swasey was defeated in the second district by Daniel J. Gilliluddy, of Lewiston. This was the most direct blow at the reactionaries of the election. Swasey has been a common tool in spite of the protests of his constituents.

Burleigh Defeated. Congressman Edwin C. Burleigh, of Augusta, another Cannon man, was defeated in the third district by Samuel W. Gould, of Skowhegan.

Asher C. Hinds, parliamentary clerk to Speaker Cannon and Republican nominee for congress in the first district, was defeated by William Penness, of Brunswick.

Hundreds of men in each district changed from the Republican to the Democratic column. The great overturn in Swasey's district is the most-discussed feature Monday night. This district was formerly represented by Charles E. Littlefield, and prior to that by Nelson Dingley.

In 1890 the Republican plurality in the gubernatorial fight was 24,152 and in the vote for president 25,512.

When Duncan McKinlay, the lately defeated regular Republican nominee for re-election to congress from a California district, completed his recent election tour of Maine, he is said to have reported to President Taft that he couldn't find hide nor hair of any regular insurgent party in the old down east state. But they were there.

## TO THE LACK OF ACCOMMODATION AT THE BELLEFONTE POST OFFICE.

On Monday a petition, containing almost a hundred names of prominent business men and citizens, was shown at this office which will be forwarded to the Post Office department at Washington, with the hope of obtaining better accommodation in the local Bellefonte Post Office. The petition sets forth that heretofore, under former post masters, the office was kept open until 8 p. m. for the accommodation of business people, and many persons who were residents on the outskirts of the town and could only secure their mail after the usual working hours. Under the present postmaster, it asserts, the service has been still further curtailed one hour from 8 p. m. to 7 p. m., which further limits the opportunity of securing their mail and proves a great inconvenience. In consequence they are unable to not only secure their mail, but that merchants and the hotels have found it necessary to carry a large supply of stamps, etc., to accommodate the public in their frequent demands.

It is further pointed out that the evening train from Tyrone brings important mail, and this is not now distributed in the boxes until the next day, thereby frequently causing unnecessary vexatious delays in business affairs. The petition asks that this mail be distributed the same evening upon its arrival, and the lobby of the postoffice left open until 9 p. m., so that box holders, and especially the business men, can secure their mail, which in many instances would enable them to answer important correspondence the same night, thus saving a day in important business transactions. This petition was prepared by Conrad Miller, the time operator, who says everybody signed it that saw it, and that there would be no trouble in having a thousand more names attached. He does not have the benefit of free delivery, is busy during the day like others, and that it was a great inconvenience to him to get to the postoffice by 7 p. m. to secure mail; that he frequently complained to the local postmaster but got little satisfaction for the effort.

We know that the business people of Bellefonte complained frequently about not being able to secure their 8 p. m. mail; and when the postoffice service was still further curtailed they were indignant to say the least over the inconsiderate action. Lately, and possibly since this petition has been in circulation, it has been noted that the Bellefonte post office has been kept open longer in the evenings than heretofore, no doubt hoping thereby to appease public sentiment, when the Department's attention is about to be called to what the petition recites as a lack of consideration for the needs of the community in its postal service.

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