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## Berry the Strongest Candidate.

Believing that John K. Tener is an unfit man to become governor of Pennsylvania—owing to the manner in which he was nominated, his lack of real ability to fill this high office, and on account of the recent exposures that prove him to have been the partner and associate of crooks and swindlers in various enterprises promoted only to rob innocent people of their savings—a number of Philadelphia's leading business men and prominent citizens who are only interested in the welfare of Pennsylvania, formed a movement to survey the existing political conditions and then outline what in their minds is the proper course for all true men to pursue to "save Pennsylvania" from what they consider is an impending calamity. They canvassed the entire state carefully and as a result on Thursday, October 27th, concluded that the opposing forces to this unsavory candidate, in order to succeed, must be combined on the most acceptable, and the strongest man in the field. They completed their labors and issued the following address, which should appeal to every good citizen who desires to vote intelligently next Tuesday.

### "SAVE PENNSYLVANIA."

"To the voters of Pennsylvania: Reports from all parts of the state seem to point inevitably to the conclusion that of the two candidates, Messrs. Berry and Grim, Berry is by far the stronger. After a thorough canvass of the situation, we feel that the only hope of defeating Tener and the organization which controls him and of electing independent men to the legislature is to vote the Keystone ticket. We are assured that the usual Democratic vote will largely turn to Berry and that Mr. Grim will obtain but a small part of it.

"The prevailing view throughout the state among the sincere supporters of reform is that if Berry had retired at this late day, the cause would have become demoralized and a new candidate representing fusion would not have been elected. The people had pinned their faith and hope upon Berry to head the organization and would consider his withdrawal as a betrayal of their cause.

"We believe Mr. Grim personally has acted in good faith, but we suspect the organization back of him had a fair chance to accept fusion and the offer of Mr. Berry to retire when that could have been done in good season and their belated suggestion seems to have been prompted by selfish motives, arising out of fear of the impending result.

"On September 29, Mr. Berry

agreed to withdraw, but Mr. Grim declined, stating it was 'too late.' At that time fusion was possible. Three weeks later when it was impossible, Mr. Grim offered to withdraw. Mr. Berry then declined, stating it was 'too late.'

### Substitute Impossible.

"To substitute the candidate for Mr. Berry at that late date it would have been necessary for Mr. Berry, first, to withdraw and then to secure the signatures of two-thirds of the original 4000 signers of Mr. Berry's nomination papers. To obtain 2800 of these identical names scattered throughout the state within four days was a physical impossibility. The failure to accomplish this would have left the Keystone party without a candidate for governor. This disposes of the claim that Mr. Berry is responsible for the failure to accomplish fusion.

"The voters of Pennsylvania are confronted with a danger that cannot be thought of without grave misgivings. The election of a man of Tener's complaint character would mean the complete triumph of the organization and all it represents. His election would result in the return to the inalienable condition, which had fruited in franchise grabs, capitol election law forbidding assistance to voters except for disability and making difficult the theft of nominations. The adoption of a nonpolitical school code and of laws securing the proper regulation of public service corporations and the award of franchises upon terms securing just compensation to the state or the municipality.

"The question that presents itself is, shall the people of Pennsylvania yield now all that has been accomplished for reform in the last five years? Shall we lose step with the march of progress with the rest of the country and fall back into the old slough? We are sincerely convinced that the only hope is in the triumph of the Keystone ticket, and we urge all good citizens to vote that ticket, and from now until election to put forth their utmost efforts to secure its success."

Wm. L. DuBoise J. H. Gaskill  
R. Blankenburg Frank M. Rister  
J. K. Domnick F. B. Reeves  
W. H. Cooper Russell Duane  
H. R. Russell H. B. Sheppard  
A. S. Wing James Christie  
Isaac Sharpless Jas. A. Develin  
A. R. Wright Geo. Burnham, Jr.  
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Chas. Richardson Amos Wakelin  
Wm. H. Hollar Albert E. Turner  
Dr. P. J. Sartain James G. Lelper  
Emil Guenther

## Farmer Creasy's Strong Appeal.

The November number of Pennsylvania Grange News, the official organ of the State Grange published, contains a strong appeal to the farmers of Pennsylvania from "Farmer" William T. Creasy, state grange master.

He recounts the fight for equal rights in which the State Grange has been enlisted for more than forty years; calls the deserter the worst traitor to his country; deprecates selfish ambition and says the Grange stands only for a square deal. He says that Pennsylvania faces the greatest crisis in its history, and continues:

"I have been urged to be 'regular.' Great God, fellow-farmers! Be regular and be slaves! Are we built that way? Thousands of us have worked diligently in our respective parties to make them stand for something, but we have failed because of treachery and spoils. The straight party fetish is the curse of our politics and our government and should not appeal to a single man of intelligence, except the grafters. 'Straight' can be ruled by crooks? What an anomaly! What a joke! 'The efforts of honest men to make political parties progressive for the people have failed in Pennsylvania.

## Too Much For An Honest Man.

This palpable effort to distract attention of the public away from the mess Tener is in having proved a fiasco, another move was made this week, this time by Frank L. Smart, promoter of the National Public Utilities Corporation, of which John K. Tener was for a time president and director. Through an attorney Smart entered suit to recover \$66 from the publishers of the North American for damages resulting from that newspaper's exposure of the Smart concerns and Tener's connection with them. He also caused warrants to be issued in criminal libel proceedings against E. A. Van Walckenburg, president; Hugh Sutherland, editor; and James S. Benn, city editor of The North American. Since then the North American has been going down deeper into the fraudulent business transactions. Every day there is a page that contains interviews from the people who were defrauded out of many thousands of dollars. Some of the stories are truly pathetic, as they tell how they were induced to place their last dollar in these rotten promotion schemes and lost every cent.

In every case they were innocent investors, who were deceived by the misrepresentations in their literature

### Hospital Notes.

Operations: Mrs. Susan Saul, Bellefonte; Miss Eva Archey, Bellefonte; Mrs. Harriet Swiler, Bellefonte; Miss Emma Barnes, Bellefonte, appendicitis; Miss Mary Confer, of Waddle; and Capt. Margaret Freedom, Salvation Army, admitted for treatment.

John Miller, bookkeeper for Potter-Hoy Hardware Company, improving.

A special meeting of the Board of Managers was held Tuesday afternoon

## FRANK KESSINGER ABUSED HIS WIFE

CRUELLY BEAT HER AND BLACKED AN EYE.

## A MOST DISGRACEFUL DEED

Bound Over For Appearance at December Court—The Man Deserves A Coat of Tar and Feathers—A Sad Spectacle.

A hearing took place before Squire W. H. Musser on Tuesday at Fernwood in which Wm. F. Kessinger, of Eagleville station, was the defendant in a charge of assault and battery, brought by his wife, Martha Kessinger. Clement Dale appeared for Mrs. Kessinger and E. R. Chambers for the defendant. From the testimony it developed that the couple, who have been married a dozen or more years, have not been living harmoniously of late, the wife alleging that she had received cruel treatment at the hands of her husband, dating back to 1908, and not the least of which was assault and battery. In proof of the latter, the woman's face presented numerous bruises and a highly discolored eye, which she stated was inflicted by her husband.

The result of the hearing was that Squire Musser bound Kessinger over for December court in the sum of \$500 bail.

The Kessingers have three small children, aged 11, 9 and 3 respectively, and as the couple are incapable of further living together as man and wife the question arose as to who should have the children. As Judge Orvis was the proper person to settle this difficulty, the hearing was adjourned to His Honor's office. Mr. Kessinger, who represented the parties in interest, and after due consideration the Court decided that the children should be given to the care of the mother. So the matter ends until it is brought before the Court and jury in December next.

Mr. Kessinger, the defendant, presents a unique appearance—with long and flowing beard and locks, which give him the looks of a man of 55 years, although it is said he is only 35. Having secured the \$1600 bail, Kessinger departed on the 8:16 evening train for his home at Eagleville.

### MARRIAGES.

**Swartz-Wilson.**  
Miss Emma Swartz and Jesse H. Wilson, of Millheim, were married by Justice Musser at that place recently.

**Kline-Lyman.**  
Miss Roxie Kline, of State College, and Harry C. Lyman, of Smethport, were married at State last winter; were married recently.

**Leathers-Dietz.**  
On Wednesday, Oct. 26, Mr. Justis O. Leathers and Miss Cora A. Dietz, both of Mount Eagle, were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage at Lock Haven, by the pastor Rev. Henry J. Johnson.

**Fetzer-Toner.**  
Mr. Homer Fetzer, of Yarnell, Pa., and Miss Rose Toner, formerly of Lock Haven, were united in marriage Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Baptist Parsonage at Lock Haven, by the pastor Rev. Henry J. Johnson.

**Levin-Ziff.**  
On Sunday, Oct. 29th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Jaffe at Philadelphia, a very pretty wedding was solemnized when Miss Rose Ziff became the wife of Benjamin Levin, both of whom are from Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Levin will reside in Sandy Ridge, where the groom is in business.

**Boun-Watson.**  
In the town of Snow Shoe at the home of the father of Albert H. Boun, a very pretty wedding took place when Albert H. Boun, one of our popular young men was united in marriage with Mrs. Alice Watson, who is also very highly respected by all who know her. The wedding was witnessed by a number of their friends. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Elmer Meredith.

**Thompson-Goodhart.**  
Miss Martha Goodhart and Charles Thompson were married at the evening of the 27th, in the First Presbyterian church, by the Rev. W. L. Mudge, pastor. The bride is the second to be married in the new \$65,000 edifice. The bride is the pretty and accomplished daughter of James M. Goodhart, ex-postmaster of Lewisburg. The groom is a son of John Thompson, of Lemont, Pa., and is employed as an inspector at the Standard Steel Works.

**Kurtz-Calderwood.**  
Sunday evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kurtz, Sr., Bellefonte, Mr. Chas. R. Kurtz and Miss Lois Virginia Calderwood were married by Dr. Thos. S. Wilcox, pastor of the Methodist church. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kurtz, Jr., of Lewisburg, in addition to the above were the only persons present at the ceremony. The bride's home is at Dennison, Ohio, but for several years past was superintendent of the Bellefonte hospital. The groom is the publisher of the "The Centre Democrat."

**Street Paving Started.**  
On Wednesday afternoon the paving of the streets of Bellefonte was started at the crossing from Sheffer's grocery to Parrish's drug store. Little Joseph Parrish, the 7-year-old son of C. M. Parrish, had the honor of laying the first brick, which some day in after years, will be well worth speaking of. A bed of sand is first placed on the street and the brick are then laid edge wise on this. They are of a good paving quality and should make a substantial job. With propitious weather and at the rate at which the brick layers are placing them, it will be but a short time until our street troubles are over in this portion of the town. While the cost of street paving is a little high at the start, it undoubtedly is economical in the end.

## HOW TO MARK A BALLOT SAFELY

KEYSTONE VOTERS SHOULD MAKE X AFTER EACH NAME.

## THE PARTY SQUARE DANGEROUS

Appellate Courts Have Decided Question Both Ways—Ballot Invalidated If Marked in Party Square—Look at the Ballot on Page 2, This Issue.

The only safe way to vote the Keystone party ticket next Tuesday and then vote for candidates for Congress and the House of Representatives is to mark an X after each candidate and not use the party square at all. By using the Keystone party square a voter would cast his ballot only for Berry, Gibboney and Casey and would not vote for a Congressman, members of the House or other officers.

To place an X in the Keystone party square and then make an X after the candidate favored for Congress and other candidates favored might invalidate the ballot.

**Chief Clerk Thorn's Opinion.**  
"There have been decisions by the courts, lower and appellate, both ways," said the Chief Clerk George D. Thorn, of the State Department recently. "The safest way for voters who belong to a party that has not nominated a full ticket is to place an X after each candidate's name for whom the voter desires to vote."

The supreme court has rendered a decision that where a ballot is marked in a party square and then additional Xs are placed after individual candidate's names, the ballot is invalid. In the present campaign, a party like the Keystone has not a complete list of candidates in the field a ballot is invalidated when marked with an X in the party square and with marks after other individual candidates' names. However, as there is no election ruling on this matter, some election officers contend that a ballot thus marked is good. In Philadelphia such ballots have frequently been counted.

### Hallowe'en Frolics.

The Hallowe'en season in Bellefonte was observed by the young folks Monday evening, and here and there one could observe youngsters in grotesque costumes wending their way through the thoroughfares, ringing doorbells and throwing corn against windows. Various and unique ways of celebrating the annual event were in vogue, and many masquerade parties and gatherings were held. Among the most pleasing ones was that termed a progressive party, where a rather large number of young folks visit a half dozen or more homes during the evening, and are served with refreshments of a different character at each home. One of this nature on Monday evening started at the residence of Mrs. Mollie Payne, on Reynolds avenue; then went to S. D. Ray's, on Howard street, and continued to A. C. Mingle's, on High street; Willard Barnhart, on Howard street, and winding up at J. Will Conley's on Logan street. It goes without saying that a royal good time was had and fun reigned supreme.

A very enjoyable masquerade party was held at the residence of Henry Lowery's on Bishop street. The house was uniquely but beautifully decorated with Japanese lanterns, lighted pumpkins and candles. Those who were present were: Mary Conley, Grace Blackford, Miss Packard, Kutura Rider, Della Hurley, Edna Koontz, Ina Cronmiller, Ann Yollin, Elizabeth Norwood, Edna Emma Waite, Florence Lamb, Belle Laury, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Murtorf, Mr. Davis, Mr. Washburn, Wilbur Burkholder, VanJodon, Homer Decker, Mr. Patton, Wm. Hartsock, Bond Hartsock, S. E. Keifer, Mrs. Lang, and the Tyrones, Y. M. C. A. on Hughes field, who received the guests and Mrs. J. M. Bricker was the host.

### Football Notes.

On Saturday afternoon the Bellefonte Academy football eleven, again demonstrated their superior knowledge of the pluckin game by defeating the Tyrone Y. M. C. A. on Hughes field by a score of 20-0. A fair sized crowd was present at the game and the boys in the lineup made it interesting football for the spectators.

Bellefonte High school on the same afternoon played a game at Lock Haven with normal reserves of that place, and came home with a score of 11-6 against them. The home team however, were up against superior strength and possibly suffered a little from "back fever."

On Beaver field, at State College, Villanova and State put up a good game, neither side showing a score at the end of the scrimmage.

### Suicide at Sugar Run.

A son of Daniel Yoast, a well known farmer of Sugar Run, killed himself on the morning train near his home shortly before dinner on Tuesday.

The unfortunate young man was husking corn early in the day and became imbued with the desire to go rabbit hunting. He accordingly went to the home of his parents, saying that he would husk no more corn for any person. Taking a gun he started for the woods, presumably to hunt.

Later his dead body was found in the woods with a terrible wound in his left side and according to reports the gun was placed at his side and a stick attached to the trigger.

The young man was about 21 years of age and was ordinarily very industrious.

### Apples From Centre County.

County Superintendent Grove is handing out luscious apples to callers at his office. The apples are from Centre county, Pa., and people who know of the excellence of apples coming from the old Keystone state will appreciate the excellent fruit that the general county superintendent of schools is dispensing.

The Centre Democrat begs to add, to above from the Freeport, Ill. Journal, that Prof. Grove, being a native of Centre county, will not give out any counterfeit apples, either.

## What Is Good Citizenship.

The following is a timely article taken from a strictly non-partisan paper, Williamsport Grit, that knows no allegiance to any faction or party. It has no special interest in the election of any set simply aims to educate the public to higher ideals in political and public life.

There is good healthy sentiment expressed, which if more closely followed would largely aid in improving existing conditions in Pennsylvania.

Throughout the country a heated political campaign is in progress. Voters are appealed to, not as citizens but as Republicans or Democrats. They are told that on their allegiance to party largely depends party success, and that they may discharge their full duty to party, are assured that party principles embody all there is of citizenship. In other words, voters are induced to believe that partisanship is essentially citizenship, a belief which is freighted with the germs of destruction to popular government.

That parties are necessary under representative government, no one will attempt to deny, as they focus public opinion, pro and con. Yet no one, on the other hand, will attempt to maintain that allegiance to party is of greater importance than loyalty to country. The one cannot be substituted for the other, and voters who attempt to do so, soon find the quality of their citizenship seriously called in question.

The fact is that under republican government citizenship must ever be regarded of greater importance than partisanship, such government prove a failure. Citizenship is membership in government, which implies freedom and privileges protected and maintained only by loyalty to government by whomsoever administered, Republicans or Democrats. Freedom and privileges impose duty and obligations in accordance with the fundamental principles of government, using only such political means so to do, as will best harmonize with such government, and be most promotive of the common welfare. The ultimate end of citizenship is the common welfare.

Therefore, good citizenship deter-

mines partisanship, not merely dictating party allegiance, but the quality of that allegiance. It selects the party best expressive of honest opinion and sustains that party so long as it meets requirements. It directs party policies and holds the party entrusted with power to strict accountability for faithful performance of them. On the other hand, indifferent citizenship permits the successful party to assume full responsibility for government, generally delegating to a few men the full control of party which thus becomes a political machine so constructed as to carry out their ideas and purposes. Indifferent citizenship has in the past sown to the winds and reaped the whirlwind, in state affairs if not in national.

What this country at present seems to need is good citizenship rather than stricter partisanship. It needs campaigns of education regarding the higher duties and obligations to our government and institutions, rather than for inspiration to greater allegiance to party. It needs elevation of ideals and standards more than the success of any party as at present constituted. It needs, what is more essential, reformation of parties so that they become agencies for the promotion of the common welfare, rather than for the advancement of the interests of privileged classes. Good citizenship embraces all, while party to-day embraces only a part, in a literal sense.

The greatest statement this country has ever had been men who, recognizing the hopeless limitations of partisanship, have broken away from party, and given their countrymen the ideas and principles of new parties; and these new parties have contributed to the progress and improvement of government, directly or indirectly. The citizenship of these benefactors was greater than their partisanship. They were citizens first, and partisans for the purposes of good citizenship.

In this coming election, which is of greater importance, citizenship or partisanship? The way you answer this question may be of the highest importance to your own and the common welfare, for in the campaign just closing are involved questions on the proper solution of which depend the benefits and security of government.

## No Democratic Organization.

In order to help the unholy gang which controls the state government, this being so no Democrat is under any obligation to support the rump ticket nominated at Allentown last June. On the other hand Wm. H. Berry, a Democrat, heads a ticket more able, much more honest, and in every way better men than any now making the suffrage of the people of the state.

Mr. Stranahan, Governor Pattison's Deputy attorney general, Democrat of the best type, speaks of Mr. Berry as follows:

"Mr. Berry was a Democrat when he was unanimously chosen in the Democratic convention in 1905 for State Treasurer, and he was a Democrat when in 1908 he relinquished his office. He was no less a Democrat when since then the State Democratic committee has asked him to make campaign speeches. Yet, Hall, who is running for State Senator on the Republican ticket as well as Democrat, says Mr. Berry is not a Democrat."

There being no organized Democratic party in the state, except an organized for and in the interest of the Penrose gang, no Democrat, who believes in the honest administration of public affairs, and in the sobriety and integrity of the citizens, is in any way bound by party affiliation or association or faith to support the "Rump Ticket" made in the interest of the most unscrupulous gang that has ever cursed this great state.

There are seasons even why not only Democrats, but every citizen, should vote the whole Keystone ticket. Grim says, "If you cannot vote for me vote for Tener." He prefers a swindler to one who exposes graft.

## Berry Exposed Capitol Graft.

Beastly assaults are now being made on Hon. Wm. H. Berry, the Keystone candidate for governor. It is now alleged by men and newspapers that Mr. Berry did nothing to reveal the capitol graft. Fisher, of Indiana county, who was one of the investigating commissioners, has been driven into saying that the commission got no information from Mr. Berry. As a sample of the papers which support Tener or Grim, this is taken from the Harrisburg Telegraph of a recent issue, "Berry never gave assistance to State Probers." This same paper notwithstanding it ridiculed Mr. Berry during the whole period of the investigation when the commission made its report, said "We tip our hat to Mr. Berry." That was to say that at that time Mr. Berry had made good.

Mr. Berry, it must be remembered, was the first man in the whole commonwealth to call the attention of the public to the fact that in furnishing the capitol graft from \$5,000,000 to \$4,000,000, had been committed. This he did in a speech at Erie early in September 1906. The statement started the people of the whole state, "Pennsylvania, the governor and Carson his attorney general, both corrupt, vehemently denied the charge and proceeded to prepare a statement in support of their denials, but that when given to the public showed that while the building had cost four millions of dollars the furnishing up to that time, though not completed, had cost over nine millions of dollars.

All this came from Mr. Berry's exposure made in his speech in Erie. But for the fact of his exposure this

tremendous steal would never have been known to the public.

Hon. James A. Stranahan, Deputy Attorney under the last Pattison Administration, and one of the attorneys selected by Governor Stuart to aid the state in making the investigation made this statement in a speech delivered in Harrisburg on the night of the 26th ult.

"I say to you to-night Mr. Berry stood the brunt almost alone at the time and that every step he took was resisted so far as the forces on the hill could do it. Why it was Mr. Berry who at the outset gave information to the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings. Do you remember the flag pole incident? When the bill came before the board for \$50 for the flag pole which now decorates the top of the front portico of the capitol, and how Berry called up Cramp's ship yard and found that its duplicate could be bought for \$75."

No man in the state understands more thoroughly what was done by Mr. Berry than Mr. Stranahan. Of course the bosses, whether Democrats or Republicans, and there were both, who profited through the great steal, have never and will never forgive Mr. Berry for the exposure he made of the systematic graft carried on in furnishing the new capitol. They can not, because he struck at their source of revenues. They howl at his religion, try to traduce his integrity, and deride his honesty.

The people surely understand this, and by their votes will testify of their faith in the public servant who had the moral courage to expose the most colossal graft of the age.

### Rabbit Season is Here.

The legal season for killing rabbits in this state commenced on November 1, and continues until December 15. Not more than 10 rabbits may be killed in one day. The season for killing deer begins on November 15 and continues for 15 days. It is now legal to kill bear, pheasant, grouse, quail, webfooted fowl, wild turkeys, squirrel and after Monday rabbits may be secured.

### Struck Breast on Tie.

George W. Krape, of east Salona, while walking up the Central railroad tracks on his way home from Lock Haven, slipped and fell, striking his breast on the end of a railroad tie. Injury himself quite bad. The injury does not yield to the treatment of his physician and report from his home is that he is growing worse with but little hope for his recovery.