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EDITORIAL.

DEMOCRATIC CO. COMMITTEE.

Table listing Democratic Co. Committee members by district: District, Name, Postoffice.

Quite a number of candidates are this week making their final appeals to voters, for nomination, through the columns of this paper.

In Washington alone there are forty thousand government clerks. In 1908 the total of government employees in this country was 286,902 of which number 13,821 were women.

Voters must bear in mind one important fact. There will be no square at the top of the primary ballot for the purpose of voting a straight ticket such as used at the general election.

When Zimmerman and Woodring began the repairs on the Centre County Court House, leading Republicans assured them of their support for reelection, a common courtesy, usually extended all decent officials.

The Philadelphia gangsters now exposing themselves, verifies what the democrats and honest portion of the republicans have been charging for more than a score of years.

Obediah Gardner former democratic candidate for governor of Maine has been appointed United States senator from that state, to succeed the late William P. Frye.

NOT A SQUARE DEAL.

When Commissioners Zimmerman and Woodring decided to remodel the Centre County court house they were

assured by all the leading Republicans about Bellefonte that their course would be endorsed. They went ahead and completed the work, and now, since they are seeking a renomination, it is known that a certain element in Bellefonte have not kept their word to them.

Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Woodring well know that what we have said is the truth; others know it as well. It is known generally who failed to keep their pledges to these two men.

NO RECIPROCIITY.

Canada Overwhelmingly Rejects the Measure.

The Liberal government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier suffered a disastrous defeat in the Canadian elections held last Thursday, and with it reciprocity with the United States tumbled like a house of cards.

Dispatches from all over the Dominion indicate one of the largest votes ever cast at a general election in Canada. Workers for both parties were early in the field and long before the hour for opening the polls long lines of voters stood in line, eager to cast their votes for or against reciprocity.

A BIG CROP.

In this "Year of our Lord" 1911, the crop of candidates for county offices is a thing heretofore. In our county of Centre there are now over a hundred candidates announced in the two parties. Taking the other counties of the state we find the crop abundant and most of the counties being larger in population than Centre.

MAINE BLOWN UP.

Blast From Outside Blew up Battleship. It was made clear last week that the battleship Maine was destroyed by an external explosion. The cofferdam surrounding the wreck has been cleared of mud, giving a perfect view of the hull, or what is left of it, and now for the first time it reveals the double bottom of the ship, with part of the keel forced up into perpendicular position, 28 feet higher than the balance of the keel.

CAPITOL LOOTERS FREE.

Former Auditor General Wm. P. Snyder of Spring City, and former Superintendent of Grounds, James M. Shumaker, of Johnstown, were released from the Eastern Penitentiary on Oct. 8th. They were convicted of conspiracy to defraud the State in the finishing of the State Capitol, and were sentenced for a term of two years.

But where are the millions stolen in building the capitol? And who put up the money to save others from going to prison? These are pertinent questions that will not be answered.

Prohibition in Maine. It seems preposterous that in a general election a sixty-year-old State policy should be overturned by a majority of only twenty. Yet where the vote of the majority is one of the highest laws of the land twenty is good as twenty thousand. That twenty will take the prohibition clause out of Maine's Constitution. But it does not follow that Maine will immediately become "wet," for it is a prohibition State by statute as well as by Constitution, and the prohibitionists will make an effort to keep the law on the statute books. It is not an impossible task, owing to the majority for repeal. Indeed the outlook is encouraging to the "drys," for there is nothing in the present situation to warrant the belief that the "wets" will be able to obtain the majority in the Legislature necessary to an entire overthrow of prohibition.

To insure a "Square Deal," in all transactions and an honest administration of all matters in the office of District Attorney, vote for D. Paul Fortney who has always dealt squarely and honestly.—Adv.

THINGS THAT SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED

FARMER CREASY HAS SOME DECIDED OPINIONS.

SUGGESTIONS THAT ARE TIMELY

Would Keep the Catlin Senate Committee Busy—More Probing Needed—Goes After the Bunch in Good Style.

"Farmer" William T. Creasy, the veteran Columbia county legislator and master of the Pennsylvania State Grange recently gave his views on the "Lexowning" which Philadelphia is at present undergoing by the Catlin commission. He said he was anxious to see how come out the present disagreement among the bosses.

"What do you think of the Catlin commission and the work it has undertaken?" Creasy was asked. "Fine!" he commented. "I see that this commission has wonderful power and I hope it will go the limit. It is surely a pious crowd on a pious mission. After they are through finding out about these bathubs and things that have been overpriced down there, they might go into some matters which the people of the state are very much interested in. Although the commission was created in a manner that seems of doubtful constitutionality, it has been created and has started to work. I say, let it go ahead. The more light we get, the better."

More Probing Needed, He Says.

"Farmer" Creasy was asked what he meant by really more than Philadelphia contracts which might come under the scope of the commission. "Well," said he, "they might, for instance, investigate where the money that was spent in settling the capital cases came from. I am sure the people are interested in that. We know the money was paid to settle the cases, but where it came from might be a proper subject for investigation. Then, again, the commission would do well to investigate that Rittersville Hospital job a little bit. Many Pennsylvania farmers would like to know if it is really true that it cost \$100,000 to grade a \$10,000 farm and whether it was not possible to buy a farm that did not require so much grading. The people would also like to know whether it is true that \$100,000 was spent for repairs on a building not yet finished, and which has been in course of construction for ten years."

"To make it more businesslike," said Creasy, "I would like to submit the following as proper questions for the Catlin commission to investigate and I will stake my reputation that the people of Pennsylvania will rise up to call the commission blessed if it gives the answers: "First—Which faction in Philadelphia is responsible for having counted Berry out of the governorship last fall? The Vore faction or the McNichol faction? "Second—Why was the Democratic party sold out at Allentown last year? What was the price involved? There are other details of this deal that would bear investigation and they ought not be hard to get as the member of the commission is in a position to throw much light upon them."

Would Trace the Liquor Fund.

"Third—How was the \$1,000,000 or more money that came from the liquor interests spent in the last primaries and general election? There was no accounting and the people want to know. "Fourth—Who got the millions of graft in the state capitol job? Those who were sent to the penitentiary or others higher up? What became of the \$15,000 contributed by the filling-cane furnisher to State Chairman Penrose? "Fifth—How much money was paid, if any, and to whom, for killing the bills in the legislature for taxing express companies in Pennsylvania? "I am sure the public is interested in these matters, and I would like to see the commission take them up and sift them thoroughly. We all recognize the extreme political ploy of the commission and believe in their intention to serve the people and no political interest in their deliberations. There is no doubt that their power of subpoena will be able to bring before them the proper ones to disclose the facts in the questions I have stated."

Taft in Serious Mood.

President Taft had a heart to heart talk at Peoria, Ill., with the leaders of the different Republican factions in Illinois; defined his status as to progressiveness, pleaded guilty to being a very poor politician, acknowledged that his ambition had lain in the direction of the office of Chief Justice, rather than the Presidency; admitted that he undoubtedly had made many mistakes but asserted that as President he had tried to do what he thought to be right. What the future held for him he did not know, but he would go ahead doing the best he could.

An Unlucky Number.

Thirteen imprisoned bankers in the federal prison at Leavenworth appeared before the board of parole last Wednesday in an attempt to be released from confinement. Thirteen is an unlucky number; it was on the 13th day of the month, too. They were all unlucky, for none of them got out and must remain and take the medicine, for crookedness in a place of trust.

Boycott on Sugar.

To combat the rise in prices of sugar, housewives in many towns have started to boycott its use. A petition is being circulated asking Congress to place sugar on the free list and that is what should be done.

Trespass Notices: 5 cents single copy; 50 cents per dozen—at Centre Democrat office.

James Schofield has worked and talked for all candidates on Democratic tickets for over thirty-five years. This is the first time he asks you to support him for County office—for Treasurer.—Adv.

UNIONVILLE.

Last week the portly form of Col. C. C. Cadwallader was visible on our streets, while his less portly brother, John H., is spending his vacation in his old home this week. Both gentlemen are skilled workmen at the Carnegie Steel plant at Braddock, Pa., and both are popular fellows here and everybody glad to welcome them home on their semi-periodical visits.

After spending nine months in a garage in New York City, Charley Fetterman is at home. William Keatley has gone to Alexandria, West Virginia, and will spend the winter with his son, George; but in order to keep from getting homesick, he has ordered the Centre Democrat to be sent to him, which will also keep him in good health and happy mood.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holt and daughter Elnora, of Tyrone, came down to their old home on Monday evening. They were called here on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Holt's mother, Mrs. Annie E. Stere. Miss Elnora is a pupil in school room No. 10 in Tyrone, and in her last monthly report she received the creditable mark of 100 in every branch of her studies. Bright girl, that!

Mrs. Susan Askin is seriously ill at the home of her father, Wm. B. Turner.

Burglary: On Friday night about midnight, some person or persons who, without fear of the law, broke into the residence of Thomas McClellan, who lives in the Christian Buck house on Erie Street. The burglar, who was actually stole, a pocket book containing a railroad pass and a two dollar bill. The robber, managed to get into the window of the north end of the house and evidently made a thorough search in that room as many stubs of matches were scattered over the floor that had been lit. Mr. McClellan's coat was hanging against the wall in which was his pocket book. Awakened by the barking of his little dog, which he keeps in the house at night, he went down stairs to investigate the cause but the burglar evidently heard him coming and made good his escape. He found things all topsy turvey in the room. Chairs were placed against every door. No the funny or mysterious part of this story follows: On Tuesday afternoon Mr. Erv Alexander, who lives in the east end of the town, while walking along on his payment, saw a pocket book lying on the ground at the edge of the porch as though it had been pushed under the porch, and on examining it in presence of Miss Millie Kereker he found it to be Mr. McClellan's, the contents undisturbed. The railroad pass was pasted in the book but the mystery is why he did not take the two dollar bill before he threw away the pocket book. The theory of most persons is that he was either a "freshy," or his conscience smote him, and he would have gone "hard" with him if Tom had caught him in his house.

Say, Charley, I was over at Phillipsburg over Sunday. I had an urgent call to perform a surgical operation on some shade trees for the Atlantic Refining Company. Having formerly lived there, I met many old friends and acquaintances. I attended the services at the Presbyterian church at 10:30 o'clock a. m., and heard an excellent sermon by the Rev. Miller. The voluntary rendered by the choir was exceptionally fine. The base solo by Don Simler deserves special mention; he has a sweet, melodious voice that is captivating. Mrs. Nuttall manipulated the organ, and we were all impressed with the fact that she is no novice. The whole services were beautiful and inspiring. In the evening we attended the Methodist church. This church also has a fine choir of singers. Their voluntary was most beautiful and inspiring. The sermon by their pastor, the Rev. George Glenn, was most interesting and was listened to by the audience with intense interest. Monday, after I amputated the limbs on the shade trees, I had time to look around a little. Ed took me up to see Harry Scott's fancy chickens of which he has over a hundred. We found Mr. Scott, who is superintendent of a coal mine, a very general, pleasant fellow. He showed us "around" to see his fine garden—trees loaded with peaches—his "later patch from which he expects to lift 1200 bushels. "What cher know about that?" We met Sol Schmidt. Sol was sitting on his porch with a slate and pencil. After pleasant greetings, I asked him if he was studying arithmetic. "No," said he, "I am making a list of the Democratic candidates that will be elected this fall." "Good," said I, "let me see it." "After looking it over carefully, I said "You're off on one candidate, Sol" so we let it go at that. On the Diamond was a crowd of men. A boy threw a stone and struck a candidate. The boy was arrested and taken before Chief Justice B. J. LePort and fined 15 cents. Candidate paid both fine and costs. On Front street I met Orin Vall. Orin is a large, portly, handsome man, weighing over 200 pounds avoirdupois. He challenged me for a six round "scrap." "Why Orin Vall," said I, "you expect not to disfigure that beautiful frontpiece of yours; surely you would hate to have that handsome proboscis broken, or those beautiful blue eyes draped in mourning, besides these are not enough men here to take me off, and I should hate to go before the courts on a charge of manslaughter." Orin got very pale and tremblingly said, "I withdraw my challenge;" then the crowd laughed. But I can't tell all at one sitting, suffice to say we found this beautiful little village which is a suburb of Chester Hill, with clean streets and in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding there are many complaining of the dulness of business and the high cost of living. We enjoyed our visit very much and when I go again I will make canvass of the town; then look out Dr. Andrews, Doc White, Harry Emery, John Fryberger and the rest of you. So long.

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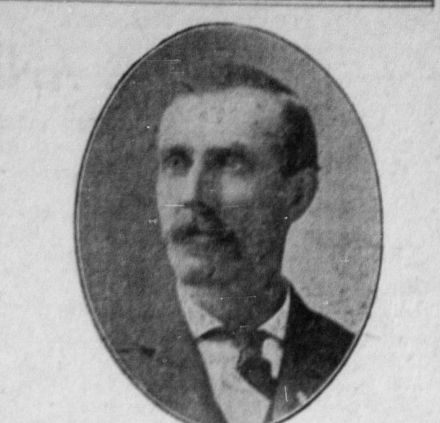
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Edw. C. McKinley Democratic Candidate for Recorder.

Edw. C. McKinley was born in Boggs Township on Nov. 6th, 1852, and was raised on the farm and educated in the public schools of Milesburg, after which he was apprenticed to W. D. Smith, of Unionville, Pa., to learn the milling trade. After serving his apprenticeship of three years he was employed by Gottlieb Haag, of Pleasant Gap as miller to run the flouring mill, at which place he lived eleven years. His genial disposition and straight forward business methods won him the friendship of his neighbors. Moving from Pleasant Gap to his native township he was employed as miller by the Jos. Green Estate of Milesburg, which position he held for eight years. The buhr process going out of date, and the roller system taking the lead, Mr. McKinley decided to quit the business, and turned his attention to running stationary engines.

Mr. McKinley is a working man, and knows what it is to earn a dollar. He has been appointed and elected to several local offices in the township and in every instance discharged his public duties in an acceptable and efficient manner. He also served as census enumerator, securing the appointment by a competitive civil service examination on his merit.

Mr. McKinley has a good education and is a fine penman, just what is needed in a clerical position of this character. Having an invalid wife, and family to support, he now would appreciate your vote and support at the primaries on Saturday.

Turn out and give him your vote for the Democratic nomination for Recorder of Centre county—he is worthy of your support.

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