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THEY ARE---TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

Candidates for County Chairman State Their Positions to the Voters of Centre County.

Three simple questions were respectfully submitted to A. B. Kimpfort, and W. Harrison Walker (candidates for Chairman of the Democratic Committee of Centre County) on March 11th, and answers solicited for publication, for the guidance of our voters at the primaries, April 13th.

Mr. Kimpfort's reply was published in the last issue of the Centre Democrat. Mr. Walker sent a reply of five pages that would have filled several columns of this paper, and he was explicitly informed that if he confined himself to the questions, and excluded that which was wholly irrelevant, we would gladly publish his answers. On Tuesday we received another reply from Mr. Walker that was like his former letter—was a studied and deliberate effort to abuse the courtesy extended, by again introducing many other topics not solicited. As an instance, he opened his letter with a lengthy political biography of himself, which is not of interest, even now, to anyone.

Next he pretended to answer the three questions, while the remainder of his reply made the bulk of his letter, and was devoted to an assault upon Chairman Guthrie and Hon. Vance McCormick, with not supporting Bryan; voter what he would do if elected, charging them with not supporting Bryan; and abuse of Congressman Palmer who he alleges has accepted pay for making certain campaign speeches. Mr. Walker then insists that "all this cry about factions be dropped," now by others. We took the privilege of eliminating all this foreign matter, and herewith publish that portion of Mr. Walker's reply that relates to the questions asked.

In order to put this in a concise and comprehensive form we will group each candidate's reply under the same question for comparison:

OUR FIRST QUESTION:

Question:—Will you, if elected Chairman of the Democratic Committee of Centre County, recognize Hon. George W. Guthrie as the chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania, and will you co-operate with him and support the Re-organization movement in the Democratic party of Pennsylvania? Or will you recognize, co-operate with and support the old organization now headed by Walter E. Ritter, as chairman?

Mr. Kimpfort's Answer:

First—If elected Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, I will unquestionably recognize the Hon. Geo. W. Guthrie as Chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania, or anyone representing the same principles; and would continue as Chairman to co-operate and support such re-organization or progressive movement in the Democratic party of Pennsylvania, as long as it clearly represented the wishes of the MAJORITY OF OUR VOTERS.

Mr. Walker's Answer:

First—If elected Chairman of the Democratic County Committee I will recognize Hon. George W. Guthrie, or anybody else who has been REGULARLY AND LEGALLY ELECTED Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee.

To the above question, and in fact all three, Mr. Kimpfort is direct positive and plain—even a child could understand and know what Mr. Kimpfort would do. It needs no explanation from us.

Note how Mr. Walker ignores the issue and the fact entirely, that we now have TWO distinct and complete contending Democratic organizations in this state; both with headquarters in operation for about a year and each is vigorously contending it is "REGULARLY AND LEGALLY" elected, and not the other. By this Mr. Walker does not answer the question and raises another issue. He plainly intimates he would not respect the wishes of the majority of the voters of Centre County as expressed at the Old and New Democratic organizations for WILLIAM HARRISON WALKER, ESQ., placing himself over and above the judgment and will of the people. He is afraid to state where he stands—as his answer plainly shows.

OUR SECOND QUESTION:

Question:—After Centre County cast 2701 votes for Berry and only 911 for Grim, in November 1910, could you consistently represent the Democrats of Centre County by upholding the old organization led by J. M. Guffey, and of which Walter E. Ritter is the chairman?

Mr. Kimpfort's Answer:

Second—As Chairman of the Democratic County Committee of Centre County, I could not at the present time, nor could I have done so at any time within the last year, consistently represent the Democrats of Centre County by recognizing the so-called "Old Organization" of the Democrats of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Walker's Answer:

Second—In reply to your second question, which seems to me altogether uncalculated, for I feel constrained to remind you of the fact that Hon. James M. Guffey is not a candidate for anything the Democratic party in Pennsylvania has to offer, and consequently I believe your reference to matters not at issue has a tendency to divide our party, and keep up factionalism which should not exist if we desire harmony and success.

In his second answer Mr. Kimpfort positively abides by the wishes of the majority, as expressed at the polls, and plainly says so, too.

Carefully note again how Mr. Walker clumsily dodges, by asserting that Guffey is not now a candidate, while all know the "Guffey organization," with Ritter as Chairman, backed by Hall, Donnelly and Ryan, still lives and moves. Here again he fails to say what he would do if elected, attempting instead to divert attention by intimating that Guffeyism (which was in league for years with Boss Penrose, and recently proven so at Allentown) is only "reference to matters not at issue." You can't give Guffeyism and the corrupt Democratic machine that defeated Berry at Allentown, so easily, from the public mind. Nor can he consistently now put up such a false plea for "harmony," when he deliberately raised the issue and precipitates the factional controversy, by entering the field at a late hour to belittle and humiliate the County Chairman who last fall for the first time in years led the Democratic party to a triumphant victory. He caused the factional fight—no one else—by his candidacy. With guilt clinging to his every move, his pretended plea for harmony does not answer the second question.

OUR THIRD QUESTION:

Question:—If you say you favor "harmony" or "re-organization" kindly be definite and state, if elected chairman, with which organization of the Democratic State Committee you will co-operate (the Old or the Re-organization) to accomplish such results.

Mr. Kimpfort's Answer:

Third—I am in favor of harmony providing it can be brought about by recognizing the will of the majority of the Democratic voters of the state of Pennsylvania; AND WILL, if elected Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, co-operate with the "Re-organizers" in the hope of accomplishing this result. Personally, I am for "Re-organization," because I believe that the conditions of the Democratic party in the state warrant a change; but while serving in the capacity of Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, I would be willing to be governed and act in accordance with the principles of our government; majority rule.

Mr. Walker's Answer:

Third—In answer to your third question it gives me pleasure to assure you that I am allied with no faction and do not intend to be. I believe I am sufficiently capable of being entirely fair, AND NOT HAVING BEEN MIXED UP WITH ANY OF THE LOCAL DISSENSIONS I do believe that at this time my candidacy offers to the party the better chance of getting together. If elected County Chairman I will co-operate with whichever organization of the Democratic State Central Committee is the LEGAL ONE. It is my sincere hope, however, that neither one of the present contending factions will continue in control, and it is my intention, if elected, to vote to that end if I have an opportunity to do so.

To the third, Mr. Kimpfort makes another honest frank reply, based on true Democracy—Majority Rule.

Note again how Mr. Walker directly evades the issue of co-operating with either the Old or New contending Democratic organizations, which he would have to do if elected. He evades, tries to pull the wool over voters' eyes, and then like the Pharisee, after appointing himself at the Guffey shrine, egotistically exclaims "I am allied with no faction (organization) and do not intend to be," when at the same time Guffey's local subsidized organ and all of Guffey and Hall's mercenary hirelings in Bellefonte, and those who refused to co-operate with the County Chairman in the last campaign, and those who openly fought portions of our ticket last fall, NOW ARE Mr. Walker's chief backers, and these men are continually conspiring through Walker, merely as their tool, to accomplish the defeat of Mr. Kimpfort.

In the face of such conspicuous facts, Mr. Walker would still insist that he is "allied with no faction"—thereby hoping to avoid answering the third ques-

LIST OF CANDIDATES.

To Be Voted for the Coming April Primaries.

Last Saturday was the last day for filing petitions of any kind with the county commissioners to have names printed on the official primary ballot, for the primary election to be held on Saturday, April 13th. Saturday, March 16th, was the last day for candidates seeking party nominations for public offices to file petitions; and the last day for party offices was on last Saturday, the 23rd.

From the county commissioners' office, the following list was issued, showing what candidates had filed petitions in Centre county, for different offices, and how names will appear on the ballot:

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES.

For Delegates to National Convention.

(Vote for two)
Wm. A. Hagerty, (Silent).....Clearfield
William Hanley, (Silent).....Bradford
P. Gray Meek, (Silent).....Bellefonte
John C. Barclay, (Wilson).....Clearfield
Asher R. Johnson, (Wilson).....Bradford

Alternates to National Convention.

(Vote for two)
None.

For Delegates to State Convention.

(Vote for one)
I. J. Dreese.....Lemont
Abram Weber.....Howard

For Chairman County Committee.

(Vote for one)
Arthur B. Kimpfort.....Bellefonte
W. Harrison Walker.....Bellefonte

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.

For Delegates to National Convention.

(Vote for two)
Wm. I. Swope, (Silent).....Clearfield
L. W. Gleason, (Silent).....Driftwood
E. G. Boose, ("T. R.").....Clearfield
Guy B. Mayo, ("T. R.").....Smithport

Alternates to National Convention.

(Vote for two)
Frank P. Slocum, ("T. R.").....Bradford
G. W. Martern, ("T. R.").....Osc. Mills
A. J. Bond, (Silent).....Bradford

For Delegates to State Convention.

(Vote for two)
Geo. N. Fisher, ("T. R.").....Boalsburg
Harry P. Austin, ("T. R.").....Milesburg
William Wood, (Silent).....Rush Twp.
Dr. W. J. Kurtz, (Silent).....Howard
W. E. Hurley, (Silent).....Bellefonte
James Fleming, (Silent).....Bellefonte
Lester Symmonds, (Silent).....Bellefonte

For Chairman County Committee.

(Vote for one)
Henry C. Quigley.....Bellefonte
Hardman P. Harris.....Bellefonte

PROHIBITION CANDIDATES.

For Delegates to State Convention.

Jesse D. White.....State College
 John I. Thompson, Jr.....State College
 Alternates to State Convention,
 B. F. Homan.....State College
 Calvin Eitner.....State College

For Chairman County Committee.

I. S. Szaumian.....State College

For Secretary County Committee.

Jas. Haworth.....Phillipsburg

SOCIALIST CANDIDATES.

For Chairman County Committee.

Edward Wilson.....Phillipsburg

It is a question whether the petitions for Secretary and Treasurer on the Prohibition Ticket are elective positions; for that reason those names will not likely appear on the ballot.

Candidates for Assembly and Congress must file their petitions with the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Harrisburg, who will certify the same back to the county commissioners. The following were certified from the State Department on Wednesday:

REPUBLICAN.

Congress:—William T. Wilson, Chas. T. Patton, and Alvah Anson Shaffer.
Assembly:—C. L. Gramley, and Samuel H. Winton.

DEMOCRATIC.

Congress:—James Gleason.
Assembly:—Geo. A. Beezer, Robert M. Foster, and L. T. Munson.

PROHIBITION.

Congress:—Charles E. Patton, and W. H. Watt.

SOCIALIST.

Congress:—P. J. Fishback.
Assembly:—Frank C. Rittenhouse.

Entertainment at Centre Hall.

An entertainment will be held in the Grange Arcade, Centre Hall, Pa., on March 29th, and 30th, consisting of moving pictures, lectures, and impersonations, each evening. Subjects: "A Trip Through Colorado," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and other interesting topics, by Seth Fruit. The admission 10 and 15 cents; reserved seats 20c.

The final paragraph of Mr. Walker's letter indirectly bears on the questions and is published:

"In conclusion let me assure you that I DO NOT FAVOR THE RE-ELECTION OF EITHER OF THE CONTENTING FACTIONS. If chosen Chairman of the Democratic County Committee I will be most careful to keep my skirts clean of the taint of favoring one candidate at the expense of another, or of building up an organization in the interest of any faction. If we have factions we cannot have success and it is the success of the party I believe in."

William (Henry) Harrison Walker, Esq., had from last November to March, four months, to determine which office he would finally seek THIS YEAR, and never once in all that time intimated to the County Chairman that he had aspirations for the Chairmanship,—which he could have had for the asking and without the present bitter factional party fight which he thereby forced on the party. Mr. Walker recently posed as a candidate for Delegate to the National convention; next rumors were current that he wanted to go to the Legislature, and that, too, seemed to tickle his vanity. Who then imagined for a moment that he also later might want to be County Chairman?—It was hardly reasonable to imagine—but you can't always sometimes tell what is revolving in great men's minds.

It has been almost a sacred political custom to extend a County Chairman, whose work brought good results, a second term. When Mr. Kimpfort consented to serve again, it was due directly to the interference of Mr. Walker and nothing else that aroused this factional contest. Walker is the man who started the fight by loaning himself to a conspiracy to humiliate Chairman Kimpfort, and yet he says he is not a pack of hungry political hounds after when he is now the guilty leader of a conspiracy to humiliate Mr. Kimpfort's scalp. It amazes us to note the brazenness with which he professes innocence, hedges and dodges, and pledges finally to "keep my skirts clean of the taint" of any faction.

From the above replies our readers can fairly determine between the merits of these two candidates—as to which one is definite and frank; and who dodges, hedges and evades. Here are positive pledges from one, and no direct declaration from the other. Anyone who endorsed Berry, and disapproved of the Allentown convention can easily pick his candidate. The man who believes the talk about the Allentown convention is only "buncombe," and that "all this about faction" should be dropped and all voters who are satisfied with the old order of things under Guffey, Hall, Donnelly, Ryan, etc., here have their man plainly in sight—but he is squirming, twisting and dodging as the brand is put on him.

'HOLY ROLER' TO PAY.

The following is from Tuesday's Harrisburg Patriot and refers to a former Centre county citizen: "William E. Detweiler's 'Holy Roler' tenets served him nothing when he was before Judge Kunkel in Deserition Court on Monday, confronted by his wife and his two children.

"Will you support your family," asked the Court of Detweiler.

"I will if I am to be head of the house and worship God as I please," replied the husband.

"That will be no proviso about it," replied the judge. "Three dollars a week and \$300 bail to warrant payment."

"That's about all there was to the family trouble which started a furor of excitement when the practices of the cult were exposed some time ago, resulting in attacks on the mission and the calling in of the police.

"Detweiler gave a rather convincing explanation of why he left home. He said that his brother-in-law ordered him to leave, which did not seem extraordinary until Detweiler added that the brother-in-law weighed 200 pounds and was a boxing instructor."

It is a question whether Detweiler is really a sane man as his former religious antics were only the evidence of a devoted fanatic who was deserving of sympathy.

WANTS \$5000 AS HEART BALM.

Unless something unforeseen occurs to prevent the next term of Centre county court will have a novelty in the form of a \$5000 breach of promise case. The principals in the controversy are both residents of Phillipsburg, and are sufficiently prominent to attract considerable attention.

Monday's Phillipsburg Journal announced the preliminary skirmish as follows:

"Miss Ida Novey, one of Phillipsburg's attractive young ladies, who is bookkeeper at Novey's Second-Hand Store, has brought suit for breach of promise in the sum of \$5,000 against Simon Ziff, the well known hawker of green groceries, vegetables, etc."

"The case will be given an airing in the Centre county courts, Mr. Ziff having given \$1,500 bail on Saturday for his appearance at Bellefonte the first Monday in May.

"The case is exciting much interest on the part of the friends of each of the young people, and its outcome will be awaited with eager curiosity."

Conference Appointments.

The Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference closed its sessions at Williamsport on Tuesday night, with the reading of the appointments for the coming year. The following will show how the various churches in Centre county and nearby will be supplied:

St. Luke, Harry P. Babcock, Philadelphia, Franklin E. Hartman; St. Paul, Marion J. Runyan; Holy Trinity, James E. Dunning; Karthaus, William B. Cook, Jr.; Milesburg and Unionville, Henry K. Ash; Mill Hill, John R. Shaffer; Penna. Valley, J. Max Lantz; Phillipsburg, George M. Glenn; Pleasant Gap, David J. Fran (sup.); Port Matanzas, William F. Gilbert; Salona and Lamar, Willis A. Graham; Snow Shoe, R. Frank Ruch; State College, James McK. Reiley.

Hospital Notes.

Operations—David Cartwright, Taylor Bank; Henry Rupp, Coburn; Howland, Admitted for treatment—Mrs. Mary Cowher, George Clemmens, James Cornely, Lena Bari (aged 7), all of Bellefonte; George Zerby, Tusseyville; Mrs. Laura Kuhn, State College; Edward Graham, State College; Miss Sara Grerrer, Centre Hall; Miss Nora Fry, Pleasant Gap.

Discharged: John A. Witmer, John Garbrick, Mrs. Eva Price, and Mrs. Bertha Rockey, all of Bellefonte; Paul Schaeffer, Centre Hall; Clarence Heaton, Buffalo Run.

There are thirty-two patients now in the hospital.

Fire Fiends in Tyrone.

While the fire alarm was being sounded on Monday night seven valuable horses belonging to Gardner and Miller, one of the leading coal firms in Tyrone, were giving up their lives to satisfy the fiendish desire of some dirty scoundrel who also should have been tossed into flames along with the poor innocent beasts.

—A beautiful jardiner given free with every \$1.00 purchase, Finklestein's Busy Bee store.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT.

Where Democratic Leaders are Making an Aggressive and Successful Battle for Democratic Principles.

This is an important era in the political history of our country. From the Atlantic to the Pacific the public conscience has been awakened by a progressive sentiment in the present struggle for cleaner politics and the restoration of the government to the rule of the people. At Washington history is being made in the present session of Congress, by Democratic leaders who have made a common cause in battling against entrenched privilege. With Speaker Champ Clark leading, he has been ably supported by such men as A. Mitchell Palmer, William B. Wilson, two distinguished Democratic Congressmen of this state, and others, in a successful crusade for the common good. These two same men, Palmer and Wilson, imbued with the same sentiment, have also taken an aggressive stand for the restoration of the Democracy in Pennsylvania, so that it will command the confidence of all good people, and be in harmony with the progressive sentiment that is sweeping the country. Congressman Palmer, who is now on the "firing line," sends the following appropriate warning to the Democrats of this county:

SIXTY-SECOND CONGRESS,
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D. C.

Charles R. Kurtz, Editor,
Centre Democrat,
Bellefonte, Penna.

Dear Sir:—
I have noted with much interest the contest which is being made in your county for delegate to the State Convention and for Chairman of the Democratic County Committee. I sincerely hope the people of Centre County will show their support of a clean and honest Democratic organization by the election of those who have publicly committed themselves to a reorganization of the party in the State.

The whole reorganization proposition in a nutshell is simply this:—A few leaders of the organization, relying upon the apathy of the Democratic voters, dealt off the party at the Allentown Convention in 1910, and, as a result of the partnership with Boss Penrose, of the Republican Machine, the people of Pennsylvania revolted in such large numbers that although we had nearly a half million Democrats in Pennsylvania the regular nominee for governor received a begetterly 129,000 votes.

The reorganization plan is the protest of the honest Democracy of Pennsylvania against the conduct of would-be leaders who thus drove out of our party thousands of men who believe in its principles. We can never hope to sons in whom the honest people of this state, of independent thought and action, without regard to party affiliations, have such confidence that they will accept the party as the proper vehicle to use for their purpose.

Yours truly,
A. Mitchell Palmer.

In Pennsylvania our party organization for some years was in the hands of a few politicians, who controlled it for their own selfish ends, as was evidenced at the Allentown convention in 1910; then a revolt followed, and now the issue is up to every individual voter of the party, to restore the Democracy of Pennsylvania to a strong, healthful, militant organization for future usefulness in behalf of the people. Agitation was necessary to purify the "stagnant waters"; and although some honestly cannot realize the existing conditions, others are valiantly and fearlessly making sacrifices to bring about a new and better order of things.

Realizing this state of affairs, "The Centre Democrat" has for some time been simply trying to perform a plain duty to the party and the public by advocating Re-organization. Its mission is, in addition to publishing current news, to furnish its patrons with reliable information on political and public questions, and to arouse a sentiment among all for that which contributes to the common good. This same crusade for a re-organized party is now being waged in every city, town and voting precinct throughout Pennsylvania. It is based on more than any selfish individual's official promotion or advancement; it involves the fundamental principle of Democracy—that "the people shall rule."

For that reason it is the veriest nonsense for any intelligent citizen of Centre county, or anyone with an atom of gray matter in his cranium, to assert that this crusade for a Re-organized Democratic party in Pennsylvania is only a local "newspaper fight"—one editor trying to lick another; or accusing some one of trying to be a local "boss"—used only to detract attention from the great issue. But there are some busy-body Democrats in this town engaged in this work because they can not rise above it—are always watching the "commissary" or sleeping in the next tent.

Last week the "Bellefonte Republican" gave a brief review of the contest on in Centre county, and, while it correctly classed the individuals and what they are doing, it erred in characterizing it as only a local faction or newspaper fight, as follows:

"The Democrats in the county have a fight on for factional control. Heading one faction, or the so-called reorganizers, are County Chairman A. B. Kimpfort, who is out for re-election, and Irvin J. Dreese, of Lemont, candidate for State delegate. Leading the other faction, or the self-styled regulars, are W. Harrison Walker, for County Chairman, and Abe Weber, of Howard, for State delegate. Dreese has publicly announced that if elected he will vote in the State convention for national delegates-at-large who will favor as Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer for National Committeeman in preference to Colonel James M. Guffey. The Centre Democrat' crowd are backing Kimpfort and Dreese. The Democratic Watchman' is behind the Walker-Weber movement. Ex-Senator P. Gray Meek, editor of the 'Watchman,' and for many years a prominent Guffey lieutenant, is a candidate for national delegate and if elected will naturally swing in for Colonel Guffey, or whoever the latter may favor for national committeeman."

To show that this contest for Re-organization of the Democracy in Pennsylvania is not now a local factional fight, created and agitated by "The Centre Democrat" against any individual, we only need re-publish a most admirable article that appeared in the "Centre Hall Reporter" on March 14th, that shows that the "Reporter" is also truly voicing the sentiment of the large army of Democrats in Pennsylvania, as well as elsewhere in the State, to uphold a great principle, and re-establish a great party in the confidence of our people:

From the "Centre Hall Reporter," March 14th:
FOR REORGANIZATION.

The Reported Advocates the Reorganization of the Democratic Party in Pennsylvania Because it Believes the Old Organization Impotent and Partially Discredited.

"The Centre Reporter advocates the reorganization of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania because it believes the old organization impotent and partially discredited. "It believes the old organization, that for years has managed the Democratic party in Pennsylvania, to be contented with Republican rule in Pennsylvania, because under Republicans a number of them hold office, and do so without opposition from the Re-

publican party. Notably among these so favored is J. K. P. Hall, who has been re-elected to the state senate in a Republican senatorial district. The Philadelphia section of the Democratic party has also been able to give to a number of its leaders berths that could be obtained only because of the ability of these leaders to deliver votes at the poles for Republicans when most needed.

"The Reporter favors the reorganization of the Democratic party because the managers defeated the will of the people at the Allentown convention, by refusing to nominate William H. Berry for governor. The rule a number of them hold office, and do so without opposition from the Re-

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