BREEDERS OF DISCORD.

How seek and Taylor Started Factional Strife in Our Party---Disgruntled Would-Be-Bosses.

The following two extracts, from the last issue of the "Watchman," merit some explanation from The Centre Democrat, as it brings into light a few matters in which all Democratic voters of Centre County now are interested, and should understand, to wit:

"Watchman's" Insult to Our County Chairman! "Mr. Kurtz is the absolute boss of Mr. Kimport and, of course, can't be

fair to anyone."

"Mr. Kimport personally doesn't care to be county chairman any longger, but that his boss compelled him to stand for it again * * *

In order to belittle Arthur B. Kimport, and humiliate him, if possible, in the eyes of the people, the above comments of the "Watchman" would picture him (as Chairman of the Democratic County Committee) as only a pliant tool, whom the writer leads around by the nose.

What are the Facts? Please be patient and read the following story: Things Not Generally Known.

Herewith we will unfold a series of events not known to the general publie. For years Jim Hall, of Elk county, and an Elk county brewery and mil-Honaire, Guffey's standard oil grease from Pittsburg, poured funds into the coffers of certain Democrats of Bellefonte. Guffey and Hall are practical men, and don't throw money away. For doing this they imagine they hold a blanket mortgage on the conscience, body and souls of about five thousand intelligent honest Democrats in Centre County. Senator Meek and Col. Taylor imagine they hold a "power of attorney," for these parties to control Centre County for them; and regularly each campaign, in the primaries and at the general elections, they openly demand the complete surrender of our convictions and our consciences to those two notorious political bosses who now not only have state, but national-wide, reputations as notorious political corruptionists, who for over ten years have absolutely manipulated the Democracy of Pennsylvania, by thus holding the state organization in their grasp through the generous use of money to lubricate the political machinery in almost every county of the state. It is common knowledge how these outside forces have worked in Centre county Democratic politics in the past ten years.

How They Defeat Popular Legislation. Guffey and Hall not only thus controlled the Democratic party, but with their grasp on the political throttle they have largely been able, by working in harmony with Penrose and his machine, to pass any iniquitous tax bill, or corporation measure, through the state legislature and senate, at Harrisburg; or defeat likewise any meritorious legislation demanded for relief of the people from unjust taxation. Time and time again Farmer Creasy, "the farmer's true friend," has not only pointed this out, but proven the same to the satisfaction of every intelligent citizen who will stop, read and think.

Coercion Used on Centre County Delegates. At the Allentown convention Hall tried to coerce the Centre County Delegation to vote against Berry; Hall's lieutenants from this county were there in force on transportation and tried to drive our delegates into line against their wishes; and when they refused to misrepresent our people Hall, in his rage, swore that he would defeat Berry anyhow. When the State Central Committee met at Harrisburg, in response to a state-wide protest, and voted to reorganize the party, Chairman Kimport was ill, and unfortunately Centre county stood by the Guffey-Hall crowd and a protest swept like a tidal wave over the county. In pursuance of that meeting by a majority the pary was reorganized with an entirely new set of men chosen as leaders. They, Guffey-Hall crowd, then bolted and erected a rump organization. Under the party rules the State Central Committee was called in annual session in July, 1911. Two calls were sent out-by the Old and New organizations.

At that time a serious situation arose. Our County Chairman had to recegnize one or the other. The writer did not know at that time where Mr. Kimport stood. In order that Kimport might secure the sentiment of the people The Centre Democrat openly urged every Democrat in Centre county to inand taking an attitude for the welmoting added production had increasfare of consumers instead of Mr. ed 50 per cent. in that period!

Schwab's \$70 an hour income, is one Whether Palmer can be successfulworthy of national attention. ters from readers of this paper and others, and the replies filled several columns in which every one indorsed the re-organization movement; and not one

upholding the Guffey-Hall crowd was received.

Meek Angered by Pepular Sentiment. little prior to July, 1911, you will find that our course threw Senator Meek into a violent rage, and he called the Editor of this paper a "yellow cur," along with other epithets-all the twenty-sixth district of Pennsyl on account of us asking for an honest expression of the voters. Of course that

annoyed him and his plans. Meek's Attempt to "Boss" A. B. Kimport.

As the story comes direct to us Senator Meek, and others connected with the "Watchman," then personally went after Chairman Kimport. They demanded that he support the Guffey-Hall combination. They pointed to the enormous sums of money that Hall had spent heretofore in Centre County this bill upon consumers as well as elections, etc.; that they had befriended Kimport in many other ways, (which was true); that he, Meek, had a personal claim, upon which he assumed the ly an audacious thing to do, being right to control Mr. Kimport's action as County Chairman-despite the stand- radical departure from the establish ing and rights of the other five thousand Democrats in Centre County.

County Chairman Remains Firm. Mr. Kimport's position in reply was: That he, as an individual, and personally, was under obligations to Senator Meek; that he fully appreciated past favors; that he had reciprocated in the past, and would in the future, by acceding to any reasonable proposition. Mr. Kimport emphasized the point that in his capacity as County Chairman personal affairs should not, and could not, influence him otherwise than to do his duty, by respecting the wishes of not be successfully browbeaten. the majority of the Democratic voters in Centre County; that the vote for Grim, in 1910, being only 911 showed that the old leaders were in disrepute

with our people Col. Taylor Next Attempts to Boss and Fails. The Meeks grew angry and accused Kimport of being an ingrate; and made other unkindly comment. When Mr. Kimport started for Harrisburg. strange to relate, a body guard of Guffey-Hall lieutenants with transportation were on the same train. Next act: At Harrisburg Mr. Kimport was invited in the midst of his great steel speech to Hall's "parlor" at the Commonwealth Hotel, and there Colonel Taylor was in the House he was interrupted by on the job and went at Kimport in his usual hurricane style. It was hammer and tongs. The Colonel raved like a tyrant, clutched his fists and swung his arms, as he embelished his argument with things that are not heard, or taught in any Sunday school lesson. He read the "riot act" to our County Chairman then and there, and told "who was who and what was what"-that Centre County was against re-organization; that we could not afford to forget Jim there seems to be some misunder-Hall; that Kimport could not elect his county ticket that fall, if he now voted

threats of future punishment, if he disobeyed. Storm Subsides-Kimport Not Frightened. Strange to relate, when the eruption was over and the storm subsided, Mr. Kimport was found quite calm and undisturbed. He remarked that he had interviewed his people far and wide; that it was overwhelmingly for re-organization and he knew it; that as long as he was Chairman he would respect the wishes of the majority of Democrats in Centre County, in spite of any per-

sonal demands made, or dire threats from anyone. It is to the credit of James K. P. Hall that he, then and there, called a halt-he frankly admitted that "Mr. Kimport was right" under the circumstances; and it was unjust to urge him to do anything against his better judgment-Hall saw Kimport had a mind of his own.

\$1000 Reward for Proof.

In all that long controversey from the start the writer, (whom Mr. Meek Bethlehem Steel Co., though indirectnow sneeringly refers to above as "Mr. Kurtz the absolute boss of Mr. Kim- ly, that because of this so-called act port") never once approached Mr. Kimport and asked him to vote one way or another at that July meeting. Further, we will pay a reward of \$1000 to any-

one who can prove that the above declaration is not true. We never knew where Mr. Kimport stood on the above question, until the same night in Harrisburg before the convention. There Mr. Kimport VOL-UNTEERED the information, and recited the above tactics employed in an at-

tempt to drive him like a brute to a betrayal of his people. We believe we have told the truth in the above story as our memory best serves us. The reader can draw therefrom as to who tried to "Boss" Arthur Kimport and failed, because the man had a mind of his own, and the moral courage to do his duty-despite all the threats and abuse to the contrary.

Our Story Confirmed by Later Events. To confirm the above. When these gentlemen returned home, the one publicly denounced Kimport as a failure; that the county ticket would be defeated; and at that time demanded that Kimport resign "for the sake of harmony." Like Ritter, they wanted a new man-the tail to wag the dog. If you refer again to the files of the "Watchman" from July 1911, you will find many articles denouncing Mr. Kimport and pronouncing him a failure as County Chairman. For weeks that paper, thus spitefully attacked the Chairman of the Democratic party of Centre County-all because Senator Meek could not boss Kimport. He even went so far as to insist that his name no longer re-

mained on Prothonotary Kimport's official bond. Meek and Taylor Sulk During Campaign. Further, when the campaign opened last fall the County Chairman made a special effort to conciliate these disgruntled would-be-bosses. Time and time again they were specially invited by Mr. Kimport to attend important conferences with the candidates, and not in one instance did they come near, or show a disposition even in any way to assist the Chairman. Numerous efforts even were made to have job printing for the campaign done at the Watchman effice, and it invariably was refused on some flimsy excuse, despite the as-

A CALL TO DUTY.

To the Democracy of Centre County:

Last Friday I. J. Dreese, of Lemont, directed the County Commissioners to withdraw his name from the official ballot as a candidate for Delegate to the Democratic State Convention. He had announced himself as the Re-organization candidate for that position. As the time lapsed, no nomination or substitution could be made by which another's name, representing the same movement, could be printed on the official ballot.

This reminds all of similar tactics employed, at the 11th hour, at the Allentown Convention by this same crowd to betray the people, and

defeat them at the polls. For State Delegate but one candidate's name therefore will be printed on the official ballot; and he is spposed to the present Re-organization movement and is in sympathy with the same crowd who betrayed our party at Allentown, and in fact for years have been in league with Boss Penrose and his corrupt machine in the state.

This kind of a ballot is the result of a conspiracy, hatched at a late hour, to make it difficult for the Re-organization Democrats in Centre County, who are in the large majority, to accurately record their wishes at the polls.

When this situation was discovered, loyal Democrats from over Centre County, were hastily summoned to an impromptu conference, The sentiment was unanimous to take up the fight, throughout Centre County, at every polling place, until the last vote was polled.

Unknown to me, and entirely unsolicited, my name was selected as the one which all Re-organizers throughout the county, should support. When notified and consulting only my personal feelings, I preferred to decline, but remembering that my party had rewarded me with the office of County Commissioner for six years, I realized my obligation. It now appeals to me as a call to duty, which I will not shirk; I now am on the firing line, and will stay in the fight to the finish. My platform is brief:

I believe the majority should rule. I believe the men and the organization, who defeated Berry at Allentown, and brought the party to a humiliating defeat, are unworthy of further confidence, and should retire gracefully without creating further factional discord in our party. I believe the Democracy of

Pennsylvania is in need of complete re-organization. I heartily endorse the action of our County Chairman, A. B. Kimport, in respecting the wishes of our people at Harrisburg last July; and approve of his successful conduct of the last campaign.

Fellow Democrats, I enter this contest solely for the welfare of our party. I will do my duty, and if you will do your full duty, we

My name will not appear on the Official Ballot, therefore, instruct every one to use a sticker or write my name (G. L. Goodhart) in the blank space, under that of Mr. Weber, who is opposed to our

For the sake of good government, clean politics, and a true Jeffersonian Democracy, I appeal to you to come to the polls April 13, Yours respectfully, and do your full duty.

Centre Hall, Pa., April 1st, 1912.

G. L. GOODHART.

A BIG MAN.

The spectacle of a member of Con- ing people of his district, whom he gress from the district in which Chas declared were receiving but 15 per M. Schwab's great Bethlehem Steel cent more wages than 10 years ago, plant is located arising in his place while the efficiency of labor in pro-

violation of custom and precedent. It takes a big man and a courage. You will find a marked sample balous one to be thus independent, and it is being done frequently in the national House of Representatives by Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer vania, a member of the Ways and Means committee and one of really big men on the Democratic side of the House. Mr. Palmer was lected as the man to write the Dem ocratic steel bill, and in doing so h took into consideration the effect steel trust magnates, which was real ed custom of Aldrich, Penrose and Dalzell, who have been revising tariff bills for the last quarter of a century

solely from the viewpoint of dividends. When Mr. Palmer first came Congress the old guard proceeded t browbeating tactics. But Palmer coul standpatters and reactionaries found that he could not only take care of himself and the things for which he stood, in debate, but that he was master of oratory, and when aroused could do deadly damage to legislation written solely for the benefit of the special interests. When Palmer was one of the old guard who insinuated he was from the Schwab district and was favoring Mr. Schwab's interests. "I want to make a short statement. fix my status in this House, since

replied Palmer, "to once and for all standing about it. I want to say that against Guffey and Hall. This was accompanied by violent language and dire though it has been the practice in Pennsylvania for the great manufacturing corporations to have their representatives on the floor of this House come here as the representative of people of my district. So far being the mouthpiece or the spokesman or the defender of the Bethlehem Steel Co., I want it understood here and now, as my people un derstand, that I am here in spite of the opposition of the Bethlehem Steel at the April primaries. company, which with all the power of its resources has sought to prevent my being here. Within 48 hours Co. and Mr. Schwab-I am marked candidates for Roosevelt delegates, again for slaughter at their hands."

insolence. He had dared take into

most remarkable article was pubished in the New York "Sun" on last which the Republican presidential situation was carefully reviewed. The New York "Sun" is eded to be the official publication of Wall street and the big business interest of the country, and it is pracconducted to voice the ment of Morgan and Rockefeller, and no doubt is one of the most powerful and influential Republican papers of the country.

The "Sun" concludes that Taft can velt is clean out of the race, but that he and his friends have made Taf's election an impossibility. While the is a loyal supporter of Taft, asserts that the interests of the Republican party are far above the of any individual. that reason it urges the selection of a new man, one who is not allied with any factional differences points to Chief Justice Hughes, the former governor of New York as the man of the hour to save the Republican paty from an impending defeat,

Patton Will Win.

This week several prominent gen-tlemen from Clearfield were in Bellefonte. They inform us, after traveling over Clearfield on a different mission, they are satisfied that Patton sweep DeHass off the map at the primaries and that he is discouraged. When DeHass entered the field he was assured that the opposition to Patton was great. Now he he was fooled by the early reports from the numerous disappointed office seekers in the district and a few

of their friends. This is the report, from disinterested parties. It will be interesting to note how near it comes to the vote

Pretty dress goods in silk and white lawn, at Gilliam's.

Some of the wise owls who are eyes at Harry Ausnaking goo-goo treachery to the Bethlehem Steel tin and Geo. M. Fisher, the Republican don't seem to have their eye on the Mr. Palmer's attitude in revising the indicator. There is a surprising sentariff on steel downward had been timent for Teddy in Centre County treachery, indeed. It amounted to and some one will get a jolt.

surance that it would be paid in cash. In consequence we often, on publication day, or at night, made special effort and refused other work, because the campaign printing was needed for the success of the ticket. Meek and Taylor sulked in this way during the campaign.

How They Caused the Present Factional Fight. These are the principal men who now are trying to lick Arthur Kimport, your County Chairman, with W (illing tool) Harrison Walker, who says he wants the chairmanship to build up his law practice. They swore vengeance Democracy of this county to help them fulfill their threats.

These two gentlemen, and a few lieutenants in Bellefonte are entirely Abe Weber to oppose Dreese for State Delegate. It is the popular belief that the 11th hour, same as La Rue Munson did on the eve of the Allentown Con- announced later. vention. Since then these same men have chuckled in glee over the difficulties the Re-organizers will have, by the omission of a name for State Delegate on the official ballot.

Now Want to Boss the Entire Party. These two men who failed to boss Kimport, now have taken the larger contract to boss the entire Democratic Party in Centre County. Voters, go to the polls. This issue should be settled now.

A BASE BETRAYAL.

Candidate Dreese Deserts on the Eve of Election --- A Political Conspiracy.

The sensation of the week, in political circles, was the withdrawal of L. J. Dreese, of Lemont, as a candidate for Delegate to the Democratic State Convention. On Friday he notified the County Commissioners not to have his name printed on the official ballot. In the same mail he notified the papers to the same effect, giving a "bad throat" as the reason, and that he had left that morning to seek special treatment. This was the first information his friends had of their betrayal, and efforts to reach him by phone indicated that he was already far out of the county, in another state. Withdrew at the Last Moment.

cerely desire to see a re-organization of the party effected, as for over a year Mr. Dreese publicly expressed those sentiments, aided Chairman Kimport at headquarters last fall, and recently announced himself as a candidate for Delegate to the State Convention; and also in an open letter to the public in this paper pledged, if elected, his loyal support to the Re-organization movement, His withdrawal was well timed-was held over until five days after the time elapsed to place another name on the Official Ballot. In consequence, the only name printed on the ballot will be that of Abraham Weber, who was Dreese's opponent, who is opposed to the Re-organization movement, and who became a candidate upon the solicitation of the Guffey-Hall people who are

It was a severe jolt to the many Democrats of Centre County, who sin-

now making a vigorous effort to accomplish his election. It was generally conceded that Mr. Dreese was a sure winner, had he remained on the ticket. His withdrawal now puts a ballot in the hands of voters that may be difficult to handle; and will, to some extent, make it impossible for a large portion of the public to have a fair showing at the polls.

It is generally regarded as a carefully planned conspiracy of the Guffey-Hall-Penrose crowd to defy public sentiment at our primaries, in this county, by making the ballot difficult, confusing, and uncertain for the ordinary individual to vote for Re-organization.

Similar to the Allentown Convention.

By this 11th hour withdrawal, another outrage has been perpetrated on the public, that only finds its parallel in the famous Allentown Convention where the Guffey-Penrose machine cruelly crushed LaRue Munson, ruined his reputation before the public, and then cast him aside to suffer the bitter denunciations of an indignant and outraged people, while the real conspirators gloated over their shameless work-but the present revolt followed.

"Tener's Aid Society" Rejoices.

For the last few days "Tener's Democratic Aid Society," the "Vote for Tener" crowd, the Guffey-Hall lieutenants, and their numerous mercenary hirelings in Bellefonte, have been working over time celebrating I. J. Dreese's withdrawal, and his violation of his open pledges to the public, and insist it will assure them the absolute election of Mr. Weber, their chosen candidatebut they have not reckoned with the almost five thousand voters of Centre County who will pass their judgment on this kind of political trickery, at the primaries on Saturday, April 13th, when they can resent it by voting for G. L. Goodhart instead.

Mixed Up in Fish Prosecution.

We believe, originally L J. Dreese was sincere in his declarations and public pledges regarding his candidacy. Recently he was reported to the Fish Department for violations of the law. A detective was on his trail, and a warrant was alleged to have been issued. Rumors and strange reports were current. Dreese's hired man was arrested, and at a hearing before Justice Musser the District Attorney appeared for the Fish Warden, and Col. Taylor defended Jackson, who was convicted and fined \$100 costs, which was paid by somebody's money later.

A "Grand Stand" Vindication. From the Bellefonte Republican we take the following testimony, from which you, like all others, can, or have drawn your own conclusions as to what happened, towit:

"It was at this point that Col. Taylor called on Sizer, the warden, to exonerate Mr. Dreese from any complicity in the charge.

'You fully exonerate Mr. Dreese?' questioned Col. Taylor.

"'Yes, sir,' replied Sizer."

Rumors that Dreese had actually eaten some of the fish were current on our streets, and naturally when his message reached us Friday, his betrayal, by a strange intuition was fully comprehended before the seal was broken. We read the pitiful message from our friend without a bitter resentment only sorry to see a man thus sacrifice his honor over a trifle. The whole situation seemed to unfold. Hounded and driven from pillar to post, ip his agitated frame of mind, his vulnerable point was discovered by some selfish political fiend; and, like others, of even stronger dispositions have done, he yielded. Now he is at Atlantic City and from the word he sends back he will sell his house at Lemont and remove from the county.

Shatter Reputation for Political Point.

Is it not a cruel demand, the humiliation of a friend by his professed friends, the shattering of his reputation forever in this community-simply to gain a doubtful advantage in a little primary election! It was an awful price! It means the loss of that which all men cherish and jealously guard, above all earthly possessions, and leaves only pangs of conscience to torture.

While bitter denunciations are pouring in from all sides on this betrayal of public confidence, yet it is viewed by some as only a shrewd political deal. secure the re-nomination for Presi- Others, more thoughtful, comprehend the far-reaching consequences, and dent. It also points out that Roose- shudder at the awful penalty that follows such an unpardonable act. But reshudder at the awful penalty that follows such an unpardonable act. But remember, the plot was laid and executed by others. It was cold-blooded! Cruel! Character-wrecking! To win only a trifling political advantage, while this broken faith will survive through a lifetime.

Does this community approve of such desperate political methods? Will they also lightly view it as only a piece of shrewd politics? And thereby encourage its use upon other unfortunates in the future? Does political license warrant such sacrifices of honor and character?

Is it any wonder that Republicans, Democrats, and in fact men of all parties and creeds stood aghast as they heard of this betrayal and violation of public pledges. They could hardly conceive that it was possible, and nothing but indignation and contempt was expressed for all implicated. Public Will Resent Such Work.

Popular sentiment runs high everywhere to resent such conduct and rebuke the desperate political fiends who worked this outrage. The McNamaras wrecked property and sacrificed life. In this instance all confidence is destroyed, the public is outraged, reputations are sacrificed, to interfere with the free and fair exercise of the right of suffrage at the polls.

Will Centre County stand for any more such deals? Now is the time to administer the rebuke. The place to do it is at the polls, April 13th.

Go there and do your duty like a man.

BRIBERY IN BEDFORD COUNTY.

Re-Organization Candidate Offered Large Sums to Withdraw at the Last Hour. Their Exposure Follows. Startling charges that attempts had been made, with promises of patron-

age and money, to have him withdraw as re-organization candidate for delegate to the Democratic National Convention were made at Bedford, Pa., on Monday by Dr. Americus Enfield, of that place. Dr. Enfield declars that the negotiations were made by men who represented themselves to be friends of Thomas H. Greevy, of Altoona, candidate for Lieutenant Governor with Grim, and now a Disorganization candidate for National Delegate.

Dr. Enfield asserts that negotiations were conducted by A. S. Fisher, an Altoona attorney, some of whose conversation was heard by three persons, whose affidavits Dr. Ensfield made public. The first sum suggested, -Dr. Enfield's witnesses state, was "fifty or seventy-five dollars." Dr. Enfield declares that he laid the plot to catch the negotiators, and when sufficient evidence had been obtained, he spurned the offer and will place the matter in the hands of his attorney, A. L. Little, of Bedford.

Guffey Crowd Growing Desperate. The graphic story supported by affidavits shows the desperation of the disorganizers who are striving to regain control of the Democratic party which in the past they systematically betrayed.

As it is now too late to file nomination petitions, if Dr. Enfield could have been bought off and induced to withdraw, Greevy would have had a clear field . all to himself. In the success of such disgraceful tactics lies the only hope of the disorganizers.

Last Thursday a secret meeting was held in Guffey's oil office in New York City near Wall street, which was attended by Ritter, Hall, Ancona, and others of the Democratic-Penrose wing of our party who ran the Allentown on Kimport at Harrisburg, when they failed to boss him. Now they want the convention. Judge Garman, a political judge who is a discredit to any court, was there with two candidates for delegate to the Democratic state, and National conventions from Luzerne county, who had announced that they were for responsible for all the discord now in the party, are known to have encouraged a NEW organization. They kept these candidates with them for several days. When it was discovered it caused a revolt in Luzerne, and no doubt the same the same parties drove Dreese to forsake his friends and desert the ticket at thing that happened in Centre, and was attempted in Blair county, may be

They know that with an honest vote and a fair count they will be beaten three to one at the primaries on Saturday of next week, and that if they car-

not win by trickery they cannot win at all. Such tricks to confuse and defraud the voters, in the past have been a common practice with the Penrose machine and its so-called Democratic annex composed of the men who are now resorting to the most contemptible trickery to return the Democratic party in Pennsylvania to the control of