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EDITORIAL.

VACANCY EXISTS.

Democratic County Chairman A. B. Kimport left Bellefonte on Tuesday, with his family, to make his future home on a farm located in Frederick township, Montgomery county, Pa.

In case of a vacancy of County Chairman, our rules provide that "the Secretary or Secretaries" of the County Committee can convene that body for the purpose of filling the position by giving each committee member five days' notice of the meeting.

In accordance with the "Uniform Primaries Act" the County Commissioners have already given notice that a "member of the State Committee" (now known as County Chairman), will be chosen at the primaries, September 16, 1913.

Should any members of the committee desire the committee assembled to fill the vacancy, they are requested to notify the secretary to that effect, so that there will be no misunderstanding.

Up to this time "The Centre Democrat" has failed to learn of anyone aspiring for the position of Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, but by the time of the primaries, there should be some one found who is competent and in harmony with the Democratic sentiment of Centre county, who will be willing to lead, if chosen at the coming primaries.

Yes, the Bellefonte hospital is numbered among the victims of Dr. John K. Tener's keen veto knife. Without resorting to an anesthetic the long-suffering patient is compelled to submit to a lopping off of one-fourth of its appropriation. However, a soft diet and careful nursing may keep the patient above sod for the next two years.

A Portland, Ore., judge last week fined a prominent merchant of that city \$40 for making a false statement in his newspaper advertisement. "415 all-wool dresses for \$6.95," was the line that led to the merchant's undoing, by a woman who purchased one of the garments and proved to the satisfaction of the judge that it was only fifty per cent. wool.

Wills Wife \$300 a Month. The will of the late R. S. Selbert, president of the East Broad Top railroad, has been probated in Huntingdon county and the paper is regarded as a marvelous document.

RECENT DEATHS.

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until he was compelled to take his bed about six weeks ago. Mr. Bathurst was born in Curtin, June 22, 1830, thus had reached the age of 83 years, 1 month and 6 days. He was the son of Henry and Margaret Bathurst, and was the last member of a family of twelve children. His entire life was practically spent in and about Curtin. For fifty-eight years deceased was a member of Curtin Evangelical church, and for all but a few years of that time was a class leader in the church.

FINK.—Mrs. Mary Abby Fink, mother of Mrs. Joseph L. Runkle, of Bellefonte, died at the family home in Mahaffey, Pa., at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, July 23rd of heart trouble following a lingering illness. Mrs. Fink had been in ill health ever since she fell on the pavement, March 15, 1912, when she fractured her ankle.

MARTIN.—After an illness of a year and a half's duration death ended the sufferings of William Martin, a young State College man, who passed away at his home in that place Saturday at 1 p. m. Death was due to Bright's disease, which first fastened itself upon his system early in 1912.

KELLEY.—Mrs. Mary Kelley, wife of John Kelley, of Valley View, died on Monday morning at 6:30 after an extended illness. Deceased was born at Howard, her maiden name having been May Hinton. Had she lived until to-day she would have been 56 years of age.

WHITE.—Jacob A. White died at his home in Tyrone last week of apoplexy, followed by complications, after an illness of four weeks. He was a native of Huntingdon county and was aged about 55 years. He was married at Huntingdon in 1877 to Miss Ella Snyder, and shortly afterward moved to Bellefonte where he resided for two years. He leaves one son, Allen, of Tyrone, and two sisters.

FLETCHER.—Arthur Milfred Fletcher, the twenty-two-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fletcher, formerly of Milesburg, now residing at Cantor, Somerset county, died on Sunday last and the body was brought to Milesburg for interment in the Trzcizynski cemetery, on Tuesday afternoon. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock from the residence of Howard Heaton, and service was conducted by Rev. H. K. Ash.

—Read Katz & Co's advertisement this week. It's of special news to all purchasers.

WATCHMAN PUBLISHED MALICIOUS LIES.

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vice at Philadelphia which are excepted from examination, save, of course, positions appointment to which is made by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

In compliance with your request for information as to the procedure required in filling vacancies in your office, you are advised that if such vacancies can not be satisfactorily filled by promotion or transfer of competent and available persons in the service, a request should be made upon this office for a certification in case you were of persons who have passed the required civil service examination and are eligible for appointment. Very respectfully, EDWARD C. COLSON, Acting District Secretary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT UNITED STATES CUSTOM SERVICE PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Hon. Charles R. Kurtz, Surveyor of Customs, Philadelphia, Pa. June 30th, 1913.

Dear Sir: My attention has been called to certain statements appearing in the public press relating to appointments made by you at the time of your taking the oath of office for me, which are so entirely at variance with the truth that I feel it my duty to you and to all concerned to give a correct version of the facts. It has been stated that on assuming the duties of your office, your first act was to appoint two Republicans, Richard B. Williams and William R. Carson, as your deputies, which alleged action has been the subject of unfavorable comment and unjust criticism.

The fact is that you made no appointments whatever for the reason that there were no vacancies in the force of your office, and that all of your subordinates are protected by the Civil Service law, and not subject to removal except upon charges of misconduct or inefficiency.

Mr. Williams has been a deputy surveyor in charge of your Second Street office for a number of years. His position is in the classified service, and he has always performed his duties faithfully and efficiently. He retains his position on this account and need no re-appointment to continue in the service under your administration.

Captain Carson is a clerk in the classified service, and not a deputy surveyor. He was designated, however, as a special deputy by one of your predecessors and when I called your attention to the fact that it would be necessary, under the law, for you to immediately designate some one in your office to act in your place in case you were unavoidably absent, you simply continue his designation, for that purpose, this action of yours not changing his status in any manner whatever. Respectfully, C. W. HILL, Collector.

(NOTE)—William R. Carson's position, or official designation, in the Surveyor of Customs department is, and for 16 years has been, that of "CHIEF CLERK." He is a Republican, and was originally promoted to the best clerkship in that department, in preference to other deserving Democrats, by Surveyor P. Gray Meek, in July 1897. Then a few days later the same Surveyor Meek designated him as "SPECIAL DEPUTY"—that was an assignment only to perform certain duties in that office as a clerk when the Surveyor is absent. It did not constitute an appointment nor did it increase his salary. Mr. Carson is the only one in that office who had performed the duties of "Special Deputy" from 1897 to this date.—C. R. K.)

TREASURY DEPARTMENT UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Hon. Charles R. Kurtz, Surveyor of Customs, Philadelphia, Pa. June 24th, 1913.

Sir:—The "Evening Bulletin" of the 9th instant, inadvertently stated that you had re-appointed me Deputy Surveyor; the said erroneous publication seemed to have been reproduced by many papers, without investigating its authenticity. There was not the slightest foundation for such a statement, which has placed you in a false position with your friends, and has given me much annoyance to explain, how I could be re-appointed to a position that was not vacant, and governed entirely by the classified Civil Service Regulations.

Every intelligent newspaper man is aware of the fact, that all Deputies are in the classified service; and no appointment could be made, except to fill an existing vacancy, etc. Respectfully, R. B. WILLIAMS, Deputy Surveyor.

The above copies of official correspondence will satisfy anyone that Mr. Meek has been guilty of manufacturing and repeatedly publishing an untruth. Mr. Meek served in the same office, as Surveyor of Customs, for a period of four years, therefore he hardly could plead ignorance, or charge his mistake to a similar mistake made by a reporter of the "Evening Bulletin," who became confused in his account of my installation as Surveyor of Customs. Yet, feeling that a lapse of fifteen years might make Mr. Meek's memory defective and that his hatred and spite over my appointment might sway his memory and his judgment, I gave him, at first, the benefit of the doubt.

In the above charges Mr. Meek called for my answer. I was in Philadelphia attending to the duties of my appointment at the time. While home, over a 4th of July vacation, I sent the ORIGINAL manuscript of the above letters by special messenger to the "Democratic Watchman" office, on Monday, July 7th, 1913, for their inspection. The same messenger also carried along a set of typewritten duplicate copies of the original which was tendered and accepted by the "Democratic Watchman." That contained the answer they demanded, and clamored for. As it clearly proved the "Democratic Watchman" guilty of manufacturing an untruth they did not have the common courtesy to open their columns for a correction due me. Instead, they suppressed these letters.

There can be no plea of ignorance, no lapse of memory—the "Democratic Watchman" by suppressing these facts places itself in a most discreditable light. Fair play and an open forum are the foundations of decent journalism—The Democratic Watchman is devoid of these; it is a spite sheet that voices only the disgruntled feeling of its envious publisher, as shown in his repeated assaults upon the Democratic Party organization in Centre county, in Pennsylvania, and even upon most members of Congress and President Wilson and his cabinet. I glory, and so does every true Democrat, in the enmity of any such man who was disloyal to this Union, and now is a traitor to the party that nourished him all these years.

Meek Guilty of his own Malicious Charge:

In conclusion, let me briefly show the inborn dishonesty of P. Gray Meek. What was his record when Surveyor of Customs of Philadelphia? The record he made stands there and can not be effaced:

FIRST—In a letter addressed to the Treasury Department, at Washington, D. C., dated July 29, 1897, P. Gray Meek, then the Surveyor of Customs at Philadelphia "recommend for appointment as Chief Clerk in this office W. R. Carson at * * * annual salary \$1,800." Mr. Carson was then, as now, of the same political stripe, a Penrose-Republican; and Meek then, as now, trained with the Donnelly-Penrose Democratic combination in Philadelphia, and in this act no doubt carried out Penrose's orders, by promoting W. R. Carson.

SECOND—In another letter addressed to the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., dated August 5th, 1897, the same P. Gray Meek, then Surveyor of Customs, at Philadelphia, made a request upon the department "to recommend the appointment of W. R. Carson, Clerk No. 1, Class 4, as Special Deputy Surveyor" stating that it was his "desire to have Mr. Carson qualify as Special Deputy" and Mr. Carson, was forthwith originally made Special Deputy Surveyor upon the recommendation of the same P. Gray Meek; thereby again conferred a favor upon the Penrose-Guffey-Donnelly bi-partizan, Democratic-Republican machine of Philadelphia.

I challenge P. Gray Meek to deny these two acts. I defy him to make a satisfactory explanation of this treachery to the Democratic Party in 1897 as Surveyor of Customs.

Further I am prepared to furnish copies of Meek's two letters, referred to, if he or anyone questions their existence.

With this record of his official conduct before him, and now generally known to all in the Philadelphia Customs House, his brazen duplicity and malicious falsehoods, directed by spite and

envy upon me, justly return to torture his conscience if, forsooth, there is a remnant left in him.

I care not a whit for what P. Gray Meek, or his retainers, may charge against me. I sought no personal vindication in this extended article. The purpose only is to again illustrate the crooked public and political career of P. Gray Meek, and the unreliability and untruthfulness of the "Democratic Watchman" which he and others edit.

In Conclusion:

For withholding my answer I brand the "Democratic Watchman" of cowardice; when it or anyone else utters an untruth and then willfully suppresses the facts, the act can only be classed as the work of a cowardly, malicious liar.

This is the man who has denounced the Democracy of Pennsylvania and all connected with it. He has denounced Secretary of State Bryan, Secretary of Labor Wm. B. Wilson, National Committeeman A. Mitchell Palmer, Ambassador to Japan Geo. W. Guthrie, 4th Assistant Post Master General James I. Blakeslee, Democratic State Chairman Hon. Roland Morris of Philadelphia and other eminent citizens; for several years he has openly fought the Democratic county organization, and only last fall participated in the defeat of part of our Democratic county ticket; he fought Hon. Wm. A. Wallace, Senator Mackey, the late Gov. Curtin, and other party nominees. He has violently opposed, through petty jealousy, the promotion or success of any Democratic citizen of this county lest the lustre of a Meek might be dimmed.

For years this same man brazenly dignified and upheld Jim Guffy, Jim Hall, Judge Garman, "Billy" Brennan, "Charley" Donnelly and their kind, men who in the past bartered and sold the Democracy, and made the organization repulsive in the eyes of the respectable citizenship of Pennsylvania.

CHAS. R. KURTZ.

N. B.—For a good description of the type of Democracy represented by P. Gray Meek and the "Democratic Watchman," you are urged to read in another part of this issue an editorial from the "Public Ledger" which is known as Philadelphia's most reliable paper.

UNIONVILLE.

On the Wing: Miss Elinor Hoover, one of Altoona's most charming young ladies, is visiting at her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Peters.

Mrs. Neff, of Pittsburgh, after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Thos. J. Eckenroth, returned to her home.

Col. John Bell, of Clearfield, and Mrs. Mary Shaffer and family, of Kersey, Colorado, are visiting friends in Centre county.

William Heaton, after an absence of several months at Cloverlick, West Va., came home to greet his many friends. "Billy" still remains in the ranks of bachelorhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baird, of State College, Sundayed with E. J. Williams.

Mrs. Mammie Fisher, now of State College, came over to her old home to spend the Sabbath with friends.

Mr. Kyle Alexander and his lady, friend, Miss Brennan, of State College were Sunday visitors at the home of the former's aunt, Mrs. W. B. Parsons.

Home and Donald Stover of Tyrone and Master Claire Parsons of the Brick farm, took dinner with their uncle, S. K. Emerick.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cooney drove up from Bellefonte and spent part of Sunday at the home of P. J. McDonnell.

Mrs. J. A. Burns, of San Francisco, and Mrs. J. A. Greaves, of Costa Rica, Central America; were the guests of Mrs. Tillie Davidson at the home of Mrs. Hannah Iddings. The former two are daughters of Mr. Mike Davidson of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Ed. Wyre, of Tyrone, came down to see her mother, Mrs. Code Kreps.

D. R. Pratt, Seth Pratt and John L. Rich a trio of handsome heavyweights of Tyrone were perambulating our streets on Tuesday evening shaking hands with their many friends.

George W. Senser with a crew of railroad carpenters commenced moving the station back on Monday.—It is to be set back 15 feet to make room for the local side track. The tower is also to be moved from its present position to upper end of the switch.

The Free Methodist Camp meeting is in full operation, a large number of able ministers from a distance are in attendance. 12 tents are on the ground. The Rev. Arthur Zahniser preached one of the most powerful missionary sermons on Sunday afternoon. It has ever been by pleasure to listen to.

When Hugh Barton wants his cow to come to the gate from the field, he whistles for her as for a dog and she comes a "kitten" funny, aint it?

There's a wedding on tap—We won't give you away, Patterson, till after the happy event.

James R. Holt, one of P. J. McDonnell's, old reliable track men, has been off duty a couple of weeks on account of a sprained back.

The most distant reader of the Centre Democrat is Roy Hazel, who is in the regular army on the Philippines. In writing to his parents he said it was a most enjoyable weekly visitor though he gets it several weeks after its issue.

If the pessimistic correspondent of the Bellefonte Republican, who took exceptions to the few harmless, innocent questions I ask the Town Council, relative to the conditions of our streets and allies, in our Unionville items two weeks ago had taken pains and read the article carefully he could have found no cause for kicking. I did not say nor intimate that the Boro Dads misapplied any of the funds of the Boro. Our Law making body is composed of men of the highest standard of honesty and character. What the questions referred to was simply accusing them of apparent negligence.

It can be successfully gain-said that our streets are in a bad condition on account of the heavy rains, washing soil off the streets and pavements. Mrs. Hogan's pavement was one of the best state wide in town but those heavy rains washed great gullies in it where as if the water had been kept in the main road the pavement would not have suffered. Same can be said of the Barton corner. Besides some of the streets and allies are covered with a luxuriant growth of weeds, where one he was after you. This ought not to be so. If it had not been for the abundance of muscle with which I am happily possessed, backed by plenty of sand, I believe some of them would have attempted to do me bodily harm, but I suppose they thought "prudence" the better part of valor," so the desisted and thus saved themselves a heavy Doctor's bill. (tel. he!) Let's kiss and bury the hatchet.

The annual reunion of the Holt-Stere families was "piled off" at the residence of S. W. Holt, in Unionville on Saturday, July 26. Those from a distance that were in attendance were as follows: Mrs. Mary Kinters, of

Colored Folks to Hold Bush Meeting.

A great bush meeting has been announced to take place in Thompson's Grove at Port Matilda on Sunday, August 10th, under the direction of the Phillipsburg A. M. E. church. Rev. J. E. Hawkins and the pastor, Rev. J. W. Hayes, will be present to preach while the singing will be under Prof. L. A. Chase's direction. Ten cents will be the admission to the grove.

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