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EDITORIAL

WHO IS BONNIWELL?

For some time the name of Eugene Bonniwell has come to the attention of readers of local and daily papers in this state.

People who know Bonniwell do not take him seriously. The following from the Philadelphia "Press" will be interesting to our readers at this time.

"BONNIWELL SHOULD RESIGN." "A long honored custom and a general sense of decency have caused nearly all men chosen to the bench to withdraw from political discussion and activity."

"So far as one member can do so he brings the new Court into disrepute at the very beginning of its career. Who will respect it if men of that type dominate it?"

"The bench should have on it men who are morally, temperamentally and intellectually fit for the position. It needs men who will give their whole mind and heart to the duties of their office and who will keep free from the entanglements, collisions and animosities of active politics and cultivate an impartial spirit towards all."

Another illuminating sketch of this same Eugene Bonniwell appeared in the Harrisburg "Patriot" which clearly portrays Bonniwell's past political career and the type of Democracy he represents.

"BONNIWELL RIDICULOUS." "The performances of Eugene C. Bonniwell lately of Chester county and now of Philadelphia, in going about the State trying to instruct Democrats as to whom they should nominate for Governor next year, are creating no little amusement among sincere Democrats in Pennsylvania."

"They remember that he is the same Bonniwell who before the meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee in July, 1911, traveled around urging Democrats to desert the State organization movement and to support the Donnelly-Ryan-Hall gang at the meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee at Harrisburg on July 19, when a State Chairman was to be chosen."

"They remember that not long before that meeting Donnelly suggested that Bonniwell should be made chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee."

"They remember that some time previous to Donnelly's pronouncement in favor of Bonniwell, there was a meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Keystone Party at which Bonniwell proposed that the Keystone should enter into a deal with the Donnelly-Ryan-Hall crowd and that he, Bonniwell, should be State Chairman of a combination of political traders and traitors on one side and the party organized to repudiate and depose them on the other side."

"These Democrats, if there are any such, who want their party organization to return to the position which it occupied for years as a bi-partisan annex of the Penrose-McNichol machine may follow Bonniwell's advice. But we believe that the sincere Democrats of Pennsylvania, the great rank and file of the party, do not want their party leadership in the hands of traders and are determined that it never shall be again."

A New York theatre advertises "a clean play for clean people." And we look for that theatre to have a new advertising manager soon.

CHRISTMAS.

Primarily, of course, Christmas is a religious festival. In the Christian, with a sincere belief in the Christ, who is the foundation rock of the religion, the words of priest and pastor, exhorting his flock to observe the day with ceremonial observances, find a fervent response.

But Christmas appeals also to the nonbeliever in Christ, to the men and women who cannot subscribe conscientiously to the doctrine of his divinity. It is true, perhaps, to say that as Christmas approaches the Christmas spirit is "in the air," but it is true none the less.

In the big cities Christmas is celebrated by Christian and Jew and Mohammedan as well as by those with no religion. In the outermost corners of the earth, wherever men of Christian faith have borne the standard of civilization, the native heathen in intimate contact with them feel the coming of the spirit and rejoice.

It is well that this should be so, for the spirit of Christmas is the spirit of hope, not only in Christ, but in our fellow men. Every one may share in it if he will. Every one may find in the story of the life that was lived in Palestine nineteen centuries ago, of the death that was much of the cross and of his resurrection that followed, something of personal application, something of uplift.

Christmas is a good institution, be it examined from any angle. The Christmas spirit is one to foster and encourage. It means unselfishness, charity, peace, liberality, good cheer, all desirable traits in themselves and all tending to make the world a better place.

While the Christmas holiday is a Christian institution in name, no one religion holds a monopoly of the Christmas spirit. It is common to all religions. It means a striving for better things, an effort to better conditions for mankind. It means sharing your good fortune, no matter how small the portions may be. It is the essence of the Golden Rule.

While one can do much good to others by the radiation of the Christmas spirit, the greatest good is done to oneself. No man can bestow a gift, either material or spiritual, on another without benefiting himself. He must elevate himself by the practice of the emotions that Christmas calls forth, and this elevation must be more or less permanent. No man can be much different one day in the year from what he is the other 364 days.

A spirit of generosity pervades the Yuletide atmosphere. It is known and practiced at no other season of the year as at Christmas. It is felt in every city, in every town, in every village, in the entire country.

People are prone to be more thoughtful. Men manifest desires to spread good cheer; women weave little acts of love, kindness and devotion into their Christmas good will; children cherish their companions and fortunes. Persons unconsciously instill into each other a desire to distribute happiness everywhere. It all comes on the wings of that indefinable thing understood by few, but referred to by many as the Christmas spirit. It is invisible, but can be seen; it is not material, but can be felt. It comes every Christmas, but too often leaves to return perhaps next year, when the real holiday spirit again is felt.

Why does this fellowship of love and good will depart from the souls of so many persons on the wings of time? Why does not the same spirit remain in the atmosphere after men again assume their routine of work and women become normal after their Christmas cares and worries?

Would it not be a good thing if this same Christmas spirit could continue throughout the twelve months of the year? Would it not be a good thing for mankind if all stopped to think of others as they do during the Yuletide season, if all endeavored to fill the lives of their friends, acquaintances and the less fortunate with good cheer and happiness throughout winter and summer, spring and autumn?

Try this for next year. Make it one of your resolutions, and if one resolves to do all in his power to make others happy throughout the entire twelve months no other resolutions will be necessary to assure one of happiness. After all is said and done the only real happiness is derived from making others happy.

Blessed be the spirit of Christmas! Exercise it during the closing days of December and you can't help but be better for it, and you can't help but continue its benevolent influences during the months that follow.

Four Sturdy Generations. Pictured above are representatives of four generations in a well known Port Matilda family. The elder lady sitting in the centre is Mrs. John Reese, holding her great-granddaughter.



ter, little Helen Eves. The lady to the left of the picture is Mrs. William Rhodes, a daughter of Mrs. Reese. The lady to the right is Mrs. Florence Eves, daughter of Mrs. Rhodes, and mother of Baby Helen. It is a pleasure to present this happy group to our readers.

Works, Not Words, Count. Now is the time for Democrats to stand together. Nothing would so rest the fighting spirit and war the heart of United States Senator Boies Penrose, as to have some accommodating Democrat begin a little war within the Democratic Party.

Witness the welcome given to the feeble attempt of one Bonniwell to cause dissension and division by personal attacks and misrepresentation. Penrose boosters are chortling with glee at this timely assistance, and fare-head stories in standpat newspapers, along with happy editorial comment, unconsciously tell of the faintly glowing hope of the Machine that by the division of the Democracy, Penrose may again slip in, Pennsylvania Democrats by keeping cool heads, by preserving their party solidarity, by submerging personal differences and grievances, are proving their intelligence, no less than their determination and sincerity and their capacity to rule.

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AN APPRECIATION OF BRUSHVALLEY.

By I. A. Ziegler.

Queen of the laurel crowned hills she stands— Brushvalley, valley of my boyhood's strength;

Welcome the kindness at her hands, Shortening the sick days' tiresome length, Fondlest memories still about her cling

When'er her sons her blessing bring. Her independence is her peoples pride; Their spears their spirits free, to all, betray

Conventions Guardian knot have they untied, They're brothers, sisters all, the better way. The road untied they never fear to trace.

They read their future in their present place. Generous to a fault she spends and And counts not the cost if others happy be, Though she, like Prodigal, thus lives, Her loss is still her gain in joy to live

The hearth she comforts, pain she still can ease With all the eager wish to serve and please. Trooping years with steady march may pass

No more to guide the valley on her way. The hills may all their beauty lose. Alas, The valley too may fall to swift decay. But all her service to the needy soul Will write her high on honor's precious scroll. 48th St. and Woodland Ave., Philadelphia.

JACKSONVILLE. Friday, last, was the day set for Nevin Yearick to put his new Overland into service. Early in the day he took Mr. Bronco out to the farm where he was joined by his brothers, Earl and Floyd Yearick, also Bruce Beightol, Calvin Kling, Edward and Ira Aley, S. R. Kling, and William Vonada. Well, they managed to get the critter hitched and with several hundred feet of rope as extra lines. The crowd managed to keep the machine off the side walks while passing through our city. Thus ended the first day's horse experience; but Geo. Erley, who got a new Ford said he has his well broken, but had to dig a hole and put him under the ground. We think this would be a good place for all broncos.

Mrs. N. H. Yearick and daughter Alta, and Mrs. C. N. Yearick and children, Rosetta and Evelyn, did shopping in Lock Haven on Saturday.

The venerable John Butler, who makes his home with Reuben Glossner, here, but who was employed with Lloyd White, of Zion, during the summer, is again at his home and makes his daily visits to our town.

Mrs. B. F. Vonada, who underwent a critical operation in the Lock Haven hospital on April 2nd, and has been a patient and continuous sufferer ever since, passed away at her home here on Monday morning, 15th, at 1 o'clock, and will be buried on Thursday at 10 o'clock. Services will be held in the Reformed church of which she was a faithful member, by her pastor, Rev. Zechman. Mrs. Vonada was a quiet, kind, christian lady and will be greatly missed in the home, in the church and in the community. The bereft family have the sympathy of the community.

SOALSBURG. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitthill, of Leont, are mourning the death of a little daughter Esther, whose body was brought here for burial last Wednesday.

James Ross, of Linden Hall, sold his farm at that place; he was here Saturday looking up a home.

Prof. Bitner and wife, of Centre Hall, spent last Wednesday at the Muncy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Moyer, of Dauphin Co., were visitors at the J. H. Meyers home this week.

Miss Bird Stover, of Rebersburg, spent Monday and Tuesday at the home of her uncle, Rev. E. C. Stover.

Theodore Davis Bond, who has been in Washington, was a visitor at his home here for several days.

Samuel Bailey, Adam Felty and Mrs. Fred Weber has been on the sick list the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rishel attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Ziegler, of Pleasant Gap, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Kuhn and little daughter Mildred spent Sunday at the home of Samuel Durst at Centre Hall.

William Goheen and family and sister, Miss Lucetta, attended the funeral of Maud Bailey of State College last Saturday.

There will be Christmas services held in both churches. Lutherans on Wednesday evening and the Reformed on Thursday evening.

To Keep Aisles Clear. John Price Jackson, commissioner of labor has sent letters to the burgesses and fire chiefs of the cities and boroughs of the state asking them to take precautions to keep aisles clear in theatres and moving picture shows. He calls special attention to the danger from crowds in the holiday season.

THE LYRIC THEATRE Program

The Lyric wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THURSDAY NIGHT. "The End of the Road," (Victor), feature in two enormous reels, with Glen White and Fizie Bernette. "The Village Blacksmith," (Powers) drama. "The Range Dead Lane," (Nestor).

FRIDAY NIGHT. "The Prairie Trail," (10) Bison Indian feature in two wonderful reels. "For the Sins of Another," (Victor) a fine drama. "The Yogi," (Imp) comedy. Four reels.

SATURDAY NIGHT. "The Haunted Bride," (Rex), very exciting. "The Girls and the Bandit," (Frontier), a drama. "His Last Gamble," (Crystal), with Pearl White and Chester Barnett. "John the Wagoner," (Nestor). Doors open Saturday 6 p. m. Last show on Saturday starts 9:45. Matinee Christmas afternoon at 2 o'clock. Four big reels. In the evening there will be a change of program. Four big reels and orchestra.

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