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A Fallen Hero.

The Post has been friendly to the interests of Governor Hastings from the earliest possible moment prior to his nomination and it has been his warmest supporter during the campaign for his election. It has supported his administration and rather than to deal unjustly it remained silent when the Governor signed the odious Marshall Pipe Line Bill. At that time we thought there were merits in the bill that we failed to see and rather than inflict an unjust wound we were reticent.

Last week we were yet hopeful that he would agree to a compromise and to dissolve his abominable relations to the Hog Combine of Philadelphia and the artful snares of the Pittsburg lobbyist. Alas! all hopes have been in vain. Not only has he persisted in his unwise course, but even augmented the calamity into which he has forced his friends. In every appointment that he has had to make, he made himself absolutely sure that a delegate or perhaps a half dozen would vote for Mr. Gilkeson.

This means that he has prostituted political power for his own personal aggrandizement. He has usurped the power of the people in his desperate effort to gain political strength and to make himself the dictator of the Republican party.

In his veins courses the blood that seeks revenge upon the man who turned him down in 1890. Revenge pure and simple is the backbone of this contention. The great shame and disgrace of it all is that the very men whom Quay elevated to power are now using that power against him.

We have personally nothing to expect in this fight, but the domination of principle urged on by the stern and unyielding dictates of a conscientious conviction of right and duty, the war against unscrupulous management must be waged. Potent as is the administration, augmented by the numerous acts of an extravagant legislature, we believe that the feeling of justice will yet subdue these acts of ingratitude. There never was yet a time when political combinations, no matter how corrupt and unscrupulous, could not be subjugated by the power of the ballot. We do not believe that Governor Hastings can secure the re-election of Mr. Gilkeson as chairman of the State Committee. But, granting for argument sake that he can, the wishes of the people to carry out principle can only be thwarted until they get the next chance at the ballot box. The people are the sovereign power yet. "Big Heads" may pose as temporary dictators, but their reign of injustice and ingratitude will reach a sure, speedy and permanent extermination.

No one views with greater regret the political downfall of Governor Hastings than the people of Snyder county. He had been their ideal man. He holds that proud position no more. He has surrendered all claim and title to their honor and respect by throwing off the cloak of Governor and presuming to be the leader of a particular faction of the party. In this scandalous strife for supremacy Governor Hastings' defeat would be deeply humiliating and his victory would confer no honor. Revenge! Revenge!! How sweet, yet how bitter! How expensive! One sad act in a moment of indiscreetness has changed the tide of popular opinion from "Our Dan", the Hero of Johnstown, to "Hog Combine's Dan," *factotum esse* of political jobbers.

How sweet the name of Daniel sounds, In Governor Hastings' ears! It swells his haunches; it drives his hounds And steals away his fears.

Dangerous Railroad Crossings.

In our issue of May 23rd we called the attention of the citizens of Franklin and Middlecreek Townships to three dangerous railroad crossings, viz: the double crossing at Red Hill and the fatal crossing at Kremer. Agreeable to our appeal the citizens of Franklin Township

petitioned the Court to appoint viewers to abandon the driving road at Red Hill with a view to opening a new road over the hill and avoid the double crossing.

The Court acted on the petition and appointed Charles Wetzel, Wm. Hoeter and A. A. Romig as viewers. It is to these gentlemen that we now direct our attention. There is the double crossing—an open and constant menace to property and to human life. The citizens of Franklin Township have done their duty; the responsibility now rests with the viewers. There is no reason why the public road shall continue to cross the railroad at two places within 100 yards. Condemn the road, have it abandoned and avert an accident that may occur at any moment. A new road can be made across the field on the South side of the railroad without incurring the danger of destruction of property and human life. The duty of the viewers is a plain one and we believe that these gentlemen will not be derelict in the discharge of their obligations for the preservation of life and property.

But how about the situation in Middlecreek Township at Kremer station? No visible signs of any move has come to our notice. We admitted in our former editorial that the situation at Kremer presented an enigma that almost baffled a safe solution. This does not mean that nothing can be done. Something should be done. When the citizens of this township are awakened from their peaceful morning slumbers to find the bleeding, mangled corpses of stalwart men lying prostrate along the railroad track, do they need any further evidence that something should be done? Do they need any further evidence? If so, look at the cripples—living remnants of that fatal collision, victims that will carry to the grave scars received at Kremer, that fatal spot; bodies that will be laid to rest without the limbs that were lost because the railroad crossing at Kremer is a dangerous place. Do the citizens of Middlecreek township need any further evidence that the crossing at Kremer is a dangerous one? If so, let them delay and they will find the record of their folly written in emblazoned characters with the blood of human victims. If they can't do any better, let them place gates and a watchman there or compel the Railroad Company to do it. Better still, remove the crossing farther East and buy the land on both sides of the road and allow no one to build near the track. This is perhaps the best avenue of escape from danger. Will the citizens of Middlecreek Township accept the warning note? Will they remove the constant peril that is confronting them like the very jaws of death? Let us see.

The Contest Drawing to a Close.

We are able at this time to announce that the contest for the Post's Bloomsburg Normal School Scholarships will close on Saturday, August 10th at 3 p. m. This will be welcome news to the weary, foot-sore contestants who have been exerting every possible effort to capture the largest prizes ever offered by a country newspaper. The first prize consists of all expenses paid for tuition, etc. at the Bloomsburg State Normal School for 28 weeks. The second consists of the same for 14 weeks. The aggregate value of these prizes exceed \$200. To be exact, the person receiving the highest number of votes will receive the equivalent of \$139.00; the person receiving the next highest, \$69.50.

No one knows how the contest stands. Each contestant perhaps knows how many votes he has in, but we understand that no reliable information has been given out by them. The coupons were all carefully examined when they came in, in order to be sure that no coupons older than 30 days would be counted. These coupons with the premium coupons have been placed under lock and key. The coupons will be counted by a committee selected by the contestants themselves.

The five leading candidates named in alphabetical order are as follows: Michael Baney, Kantz; A. W. Gill, Middlecreek; Charles W. Landis, Freeburg; Charles E. Specht, Swineford and William I. Zechman, Troxelville. No voting coupons will be issued in the Post, but premium coupons can be secured up to the last hour for services rendered in behalf of the Post on the same conditions as before. The contestants should as early as possible agree upon three persons who shall constitute the counting committee. This committee can meet on Saturday morning, August 10th to begin to count the votes. In that way the

votes will be counted until 3 o'clock when the contest closes. If the contestants can not agree upon three persons, then each contestant will name a man and the committee will consist of five persons.

More than three weeks yet remain and the contest from now on will hinge on the number of premium coupons secured. Eighteen Premium Coupons will be issued now as before for every new cash-in-advance subscriber; 12 for an old subscriber who pays a year in advance. Twelve premium coupons will be issued for every dollar's worth of advertising or job work brought or sent to this office. This leaves the condition of the contest the same except that no voting coupon will be issued in the Post, thereby allowing plenty of time to get in all the coupons that are good and giving every contestant plenty of opportunity to secure premium coupons.

The results of this contest have been more gratifying than we had any reason to expect. While there was a little friction between a few candidates, there has been no hostility and no bitterness. We trust that this condition will continue to the end of the race. Only a few more weeks and the agony will be over. Leave no stone unturned. The premium coupons received for a few new subscribers may change the result of the contest. They may bring you the first prize instead of the second, or the second instead of none. The result of your efforts for the next three weeks will tell the tale. You have worked faithfully since the contest opened. Every moment still remaining is precious and no time or effort should be wasted. Perseverance and faithfulness is the price of success.

Unworthy Motives.

The administration of Governor Hastings will be respected and sustained by the people if he had it will do his duty conscientiously and to the best of his ability in the important position he holds, and leave party management, the carrying on of factional fights and the control of conventions to others. For him to seek to be a delegate or to preside over the coming state convention will lower the dignity of the office and of him who fills it. These places will not be conferred upon him as an honor, and if sought by him it will be for personal and unworthy political motives. The success of his administration is yet to be made, and it must be obtained, if at all, in the apartment set apart for his official occupancy in Capital Hill. The people will measure it by his devotion to duty there, and have not placed in his hands and do not hold him responsible for party management.—Huntingdon Journal.

The Governor's Mistake.

We think that Governor Hastings made a mistake in announcing his determination to go into a partisan-state convention to lead a factional fight. It is an act without precedent in the history of the commonwealth. When a man is elected governor of the commonwealth he becomes the executive of the people, and when he dispenses the public patronage in the interests of his party he has gone as far as precedent and a just regard for the interests of the commonwealth will justify or the people will approve. If there must be a fight to the finish for leadership, wisdom would seem to dictate that those entrusted with the administration of government for the whole people should leave the unseemly contest to be settled by those to whom the people have not delegated such a high trust.—Lancaster New Era.

Flinn on Magee.

At Harrisburg not long since Senator Flinn was very nervous for fear Senator Quay might take a stand against his greater Pittsburg bills. He said that Quay could lick the whole Magee outfit with one hand. Quay didn't do it then, but he has taken the matter up now and will proceed to do the trouncing to the queen's taste. Quay is a boss in the interests of the people. Magee, Martin and their following are bosses in the interests of themselves only. Under whose control can Republicanism be best served?—McKeesport Times.

Chester County for Quay.

Before General Hastings gets through this campaign he will discover that he has made the greatest blunder of his life. He owed it to the men who served him in the past to hold aloof from all factional quarrels, but since he has stepped into the breach he will have to suffer the consequences. The Republicans of Chester county know their duty and they will perform it faithfully on the day set for the election of five delegates to the next state convention.—West Chester Republican.

The Loved Leader.

The sounding of the fuzzi-guzzi and the beating of the tom-tom is heard at Harrisburg, and the political pot is boiling in great shape. And when the fog rises there will be found in command of the Republican forces that one figure so well known and loved by the rank and file of the party, Senator Matthew Stanley Quay. All amateur politicians are invited to note the easy and peaceful manner in which the "Old Man" will "Svengalize" the opposition.—Franklin Citizen Press.

The Inter-Municipal Jobbers.

Allegheny county has suffered by the jobs of the inter-municipal combine. Philadelphia has had the interests of the people betrayed in the same way. To deliver the people over to the tender mercies of electric light, traction and gas monopolies and to frame legislation as the corporations dictate is a greater injury to the public than the temporary denial of representation in proportion to population.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Jay G. Weiser smokes the box of fragrant cigars sent him from the Lawyer's meeting in Bedford, and swears by Quay.

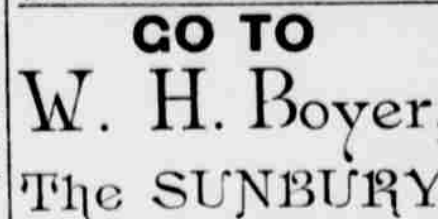
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BARBARA A. YODER, B. W. YODER, G. W. YODER, Administrators. July 11, '95.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Letters of administration in estate of John Hassinger late of Beaver Township, Snyder County, Pa., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, while those having claims will present them duly authenticated to the undersigned.

JACOB C. HASSINGER, Adm'r d. b. n. c. t. a. May 27th, 1895.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the estate of Lydia Rudy, dec'd late of Middleburgh, Snyder county, Pa., have been issued to the undersigned residing at Middleburgh. All persons, therefore, indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment, and those having claims against it will present them for settlement to the undersigned.

J. C. SWINEFORD, Administrator. May 28th.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE. Letters of administration in estate of Phillip Swineford, late of Middleburgh, Snyder county, Pa., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, while those having claims will present them duly authenticated to the undersigned.

VALENTINE WALTER, Administrator. June 14th.

AUDITORS' NOTICE. IN THE ESTATE OF M. E. IN 'THE ORPHANS' COURT HOFFLEY, DEC'D. OF SNYDER COUNTY. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Snyder County, to distribute the funds in the hands of William Hoffley, administrator of said decedent will sit for the purpose of his appointment at his office in Middleburgh, Pa., on Thursday, August 1st 1895, at 10 o'clock A. M., when and where all parties in interest or having any claims on said funds must appear and present the same or be forever barred from coming in on the same.

JAY G. WEISER, Auditor. July 9, 1895.

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