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"Did Charity prevail, the Press would prove  
A vehicle of Virtue, Truth and Love."—COWPER.

## SENATORIAL SIFTINGS.

### What the Papers Say about the Situation.

From the Miltonian, Oct. 4th.

THE experience of Hon. B. K. Focht as a member of the Lower House of the Legislature qualifies him to render his constituents efficient service in the Senate. He is well acquainted with the methods and principles of legislation, aggressive, ambitious and a ready debater. With these qualifications we are assured that with his election this district will receive its just recognition. Mr. Focht served Union county faithfully while representing it in the Legislature, and he will be as faithful to the district as its representative in the Senate.

From the Harrisburg Telegraph.

H. S. B. K. FOCHT, of Lewisburg, has been nominated for Senator by the Republicans in the district composed of the counties of Union, Snyder and Northumberland. Mr. Focht will be remembered as the representative from Union county in the House two years ago. He is a brilliant young Republican, an eloquent speaker, an efficient and painstaking legislator. The district is Republican and if the Republican voters give to him the support he deserves Senator E. M. Hummel will have a worthy successor. He is the editor of the Lewisburg News, one of the best county weeklies of the State.



From the Media Ledger.

BENJAMIN K. FOCHT, who represented in the Lower House at Harrisburg his county (Union) for a number of terms, was unanimously nominated by the conferees of the Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Northumberland, Snyder and Union, to represent said district in the Senate. Mr. Focht is a strong man and served conspicuously in the House.

From the Northumberland County Republican.

HON. B. K. FOCHT is an orator, a scholar and an intelligent gentleman who has all the qualifications of a wise statesman. This district was never better represented than it will be with him in the Senate. His wide acquaintance and intimate knowledge of the working of the Legislative machinery will be worth much to the district. Help make his majority overwhelming.

From the Freeburg Courier, Oct. 12.

WHEN B. K. Focht was a member of the lower house of the Legislature he was a man of affairs. A man who did things, and of whom people talked in a manner entirely creditable to his genius as a statesman. He, while being honest and loyal to his own constituents, was the champion of the working men of the entire Commonwealth, and especially the friend of the United Mine Workers, and supported every measure that could benefit the farmer and wage-earner. He recorded his vote against trusts and monopolies, and thus endeavored to advance the interests of all the citizens of this great Commonwealth. There is no reason why every good citizen in this Senatorial District should not cast a ballot for Benjamin K. Focht for State Senator.

## IF ELECTED STATE SENATOR.

- He will stand for ballot reform.
- Will advocate the cause of the farmer, the miner, the man in the shop and forge and the boys and girls in the factory.
- For an increase in the Mary Packer Hospital appropriation.
- For a restored and increased school appropriation.
- For an enforcement of the pure food laws.
- For election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.
- For an appropriation by the State for permanent road improvement.
- For an increase of the Firemen's Relief fund.
- For an extended free rural mail delivery.
- The railroader—the man at the throttle, the trainmen and brakemen in the yard.
- For the soldier, the soldier's widow and the soldier's orphan.
- Advocate the election of the people's candidate and vote for Benjamin K. Focht Nov. 6, 1900.

## THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.

THE voters of Snyder county on November 6th will be presented with a formidable array of candidates on the Republican ticket. Standing on a platform, espousing for the future, as it has proven in the past an era of prosperity, the Republican party forges to the front. The voter should have no hesitancy in putting his seal of approbation upon the full dinner pail, which can be found in every workshop and home.

McKinley, four years ago in derision by his political adversaries was dubbed the advance agent of prosperity, but he converted derision into a stern and welcome reality. The president has been tried. The mills and factories are running and even in the towns of Snyder county it is next to impossible to find a workman for even a short job. Colonel Roosevelt, the Rough Rider, has shown to the world his valor and as Governor of New York has shown his ability as a statesman.

THAD M. MAHON,

Our candidate for Congressman of the 18th District of Pennsylvania, has filled the position for almost eight years and has made a brilliant record in the lower House. He has always paid close attention to claims for pensions coming from his district, and stood by President McKinley and supported his hands in the successful effort to employ every man who was willing to work.

BENJ. K. FOCHT.

The Senatorial district candidate is Hon. Benj. K. Focht, of Union county, a man who represented this county for three years in the lower House at Harrisburg. He has secured more legislation for the people of Union county than any other one member has been able to accomplish for his county. He is a progressive, iron-willed and never-yielding war-horse in the struggle for successful legislation and being granted the powers of a State Senator, added to his long acquaintance with State lawmakers, the constituents of the 27th Senatorial district may be sure to hear their trumpet sounded in the Senate chamber and have recorded upon the statute books of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania some laws that will be received by the taxpayers with open arms. He is a man of ability, energy and has the happy faculty of bringing to a successful issue all he undertakes.

HON. A. M. SMITH.

The successful termination of his first term in the House of Representatives in Harrisburg, puts Dr. A. M. Smith in the best kind of a position to ask for the second term. His second nomination was given to him by the solid vote of his party and it is but a fitting testimonial to his worth to return him to Harrisburg for the second term.

GEORGE MOATZ SHINDEL.

We would not attempt to say anything in behalf of Mr. Shindel, the candidate for Prothonotary and Clerk of the several courts of Snyder county. He is too well known as an efficient officer to need any laudation at the hands of the Post. He has been nominated without opposition, thereby practically conceding to him a second term. The books in his office and the papers emanating therefrom are specimens of neatness and perfection, and Republicans who know a good official, will not hesitate a vote.

JOHN HENRY WILLIS.

The present incumbent of the Register and Recorder's office is serving his first term in his official capacity. He has proven to be an obliging and careful official. He has endeavored to keep his fees below what the law allows. The books and papers in Mr. Willis' office are neat, correct, are a credit to the best officials and are on a par with the large county and city offices.

MILES I. POTTER.

M. I. Potter, one of Middleburg's active and progressive attorneys, has been named as the Republican candidate for District Attorney. The position, though not very lucrative, is a very important one to the taxpayers. Mr. Potter has won a very good practice and enjoys the esteem of his clients. He will make an efficient District Attorney and merits the vote of every Republican in the county.

E. E. SHAMBACH.

Last but by no means the least important is the position of Jury Commissioner. Elmer E. Shambach, a descendant of one of the most long-lived families in this section of the state, a sturdy yeoman, and above all a faithful Republican, is the party's candidate for Jury Commissioner. He will endeavor to fill the jury wheel and draw the juries in the most satisfactory manner possible. Vote for Shambach.

CANDIDATE BRYAN says we cannot secure title to a people by force or by purchase. According to that theory we must have acquired Texas and Louisiana on a Christmas tree.

## PRISTINE THOUGHTS

### SELECTED GEMS

Collected and Arranged Expressly for The Post

## IF CHRIST SHOULD COME TODAY

JAMES G. CLARK, IN THE ARENA

I have come, and the world shall be shaken  
Like a reed, at the touch of my rod,  
And the Kingdoms of Time shall awaken  
To the voice of the summons of God;  
No more through the dim of the ages  
Shall the warnings and chidings divine,  
From the lips of my prophets and sages  
Be trampled like pearls before swine.

Ye have stolen my land and my cattle,  
Ye have kept back from labor its meed;  
Ye have challenged the outcasts to battle,  
When they plead at your feet in their need;  
And when clamors of hunger grew louder,  
And the multitudes prayed to be fed,  
Ye have answered, with prisons or powder,  
The cries of your brothers for bread.

I turn from your altars and churches,  
And the mockings of steeples and domes,  
To join in the long, weary marches  
Of the ones ye have robbed of their homes;  
I share in the sorrow and crosses  
Of the naked, the hungry and cold,  
And dearer to me are their losses  
Than your gains and your idols of gold.

I will shatter the might of the spoiler,  
I will laugh at your dungeons and locks,  
The tyrant shall yield to the toiler,  
And your judges eat grass like the ox;  
For the prayers of the poor have ascended  
To be written in lightnings on high,  
And the wails of your captives have blended  
With the bolts that must leap from the sky.

The thrones of your kings shall be shattered  
And the vassals and serfs shall go free;  
I will harvest from Seeds that I scattered  
On the borders of blue Galilee,  
For I come not alone and a stranger—  
Lo! my reapers shall sing through the night,  
Till the star that stood over the manger,  
Shall cover the world with its Light.

## THE WATCHWORD

Have you had a kindness shown?  
Pass it on.  
"T was not done for you alone—  
Pass it on.  
Let it be another's tears—  
Let it travel down the years.  
Till in Heaven it appears—  
Pass it on!"

## MY THANKSGIVING

MARIAN DOUGLAS

Once I counted my little store,  
Why was to others given more?  
Why were their lips with honey fed,  
While mine had labor's hard-earned bread?  
A weary, hopeless task seemed living,  
I could not bring to God thanksgiving.

There came a poor man to my door—  
I shared with him my scanty store;  
When, lo! my sense of want had flown,  
And rarest riches were my own!  
So sweet is Love's divided bread,  
I seemed with Heaven's own manna fed.

Such blessed joy there is in giving!  
I brought to God my glad Thanksgiving.

## A SALURIAN

They built a fine church at his very door—  
He wasn't in it;  
They bro't him a scheme for relieving the poor,  
He wasn't in it;  
Let them work for themselves, as he had done;  
They wouldn't ask help from any one;  
If they hadn't wasted each golden minute,  
He wasn't in it.

So he passed the poor with a haughty tread;  
He wasn't in it;  
And he scorned the good with averted head—  
He wasn't in it.  
When men in the halls of virtue met,  
He saw their goodness without regret;  
Too high the mark for him to win it;  
He wasn't in it.

The hearse crept down the street one day,  
He was in it;  
The funeral cortege made a great display;  
He was in it;  
Saint Peter received him with book and bell;  
"My friend you've purchased a ticket to—well,  
Your elevator goes down in a minute!"  
He was in it!

## FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

A **Conundrum** which is sufficiently silly to provoke the smile of scorn and yet has an exasperating hold on the memory is the following:  
"What is the difference between the man who has intermittent rheumatism and one who is well all the time, and lives at home with his mother?"

A thoughtful person might find many differences; but here is the answer as it is set down:  
"One is well a part of the time and has rheumatism others, and the other is well all the time and has a room at his mother's."

Was a **Hustler**.—An exchange thus gives its home undertaker a boost: "One of the pleasantest sights we have had in this town for a long time was the artistic manner in which John Griffin buried Bill Kruger, who died since our last issue. Mr. Griffin has his trade at his finger's end, and he handled our dead citizen with an ability that was startling in its originality. He was everywhere at once, weeping with the bereaved widow, discussing crop prospects with the farmers, and soliciting business from the other attendants at the funeral. He will, doubtless, be able to get all the business in these parts. Before leaving for home he subscribed for this great weekly, paying three months in advance. Success to you, Johnny, old boy."

Uncle Eph, the **Philosopher**.—Yes, Miss Gwendoline, it hurts for a man to have his hair pulled. As to what he takes, hits generally "gas" first, an den red likker fuh to sooperinjoice a reaction afterwards.

De toughest customer to bar pashently wild is de man who's jest got religion and insists on tellin' all about it right den an' dar, when you's in a hurry to meet a "man aroun de corner."

In dese days ev' devotion an' unphased religious fervor most everything is opened wid prayer, exceptin de jack-pot.

I has always noticed dat de man what say he jest take a drink "now an den," most ingenerally takes hit a heap offener now dan he does den.

De man what gits coteh in a steel trap dont wanten hear nuffin about de patience ev' Job, at dat present time, specially.

Dont fret, Genevieve. Hits time cruff too shake hands wid de Debblil arter you meets him. —Jaytown Corker.

**Wisdom**—Wisdom is only found in Truth.—Goethe.  
**Strength**—Strong are her sons, though rocky are her shores.—Homer.  
**Beauty**—A look of intelligence in men is what regularly of features in women; it is a style of beauty to which the most vain may aspire.—La Fontaine.

## Your Money Back

If any of these Capes fail to please.

"Famous Maryland" No. 5 X. This capsule is made by skilled makers and possess a degree of elegance and scientific design to other garments. These capsules are made of finest plush with deep storm collar, hand-sewnly embroidered with attractive head and elaborately beaded, 100 INCH SWEEP, oval. Ties for color and style.

They are made with four seams which make them conform to the shape of the body. Mereris of Size. Satisfactory. Price \$2.50. No. 5 X. This capsule is made by skilled makers and possess a degree of elegance and scientific design to other garments. These capsules are made of finest plush with deep storm collar, hand-sewnly embroidered with attractive head and elaborately beaded, 100 INCH SWEEP, oval. Ties for color and style.

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The soy bean seems about to become popular as rapidly as did alfalfa when introduced and for much the same reasons, says the Chicago Tribune. The soy is an upright stiff-stemmed, branching bean imported from Japan a few years ago and its headway in popular estimation has been made almost entirely during the last year. The agricultural authorities are impressed with its value as a forage plant and the experiment stations in the middle west have made most favorable reports which have led the agricultural press strongly to recommend its cultivation. The Ohio experiment station reports that planted on some of the poorest soils it has produced two or three tons of excellent dry forage or hay to an acre and it is eaten with relish by stock. As a green crop to turn under for manuring the bean is said by authorities not to have its equal. Like clover, it adds nitrogen to the soil and it is therefore a renovating instead of an exhausting crop. It is especially suited to take the place of clover in a systematic rotation where the clover has been killed by severe winters, as is the case in many localities in the middle west now; or where the spring seeding of clover has failed to catch. The experiment stations are making an attempt to induce the farmers to sow the crop. Being a warm weather plant, it should not be planted in northern Indiana, northern Ohio or northern Illinois before the last of May. It is sown at the rate of a bushel and a half to the acre on well-prepared land, sowing with a wheat drill. It soon covers the ground, requires no attention and is free from weeds. Aside from its value as forage and as a nitrogenous crop, the beans are valuable for feeding stock, as they contain a large amount of protein. At the Kansas experiment station it was shown that they were the best food for fattening hogs, as a smaller quantity of soy beans is required to make a pound of pork than is required of any other food. The prediction is made that in the years nearly every farmer and stock raiser will be growing soy beans.

David Hunter, a resident of Oklahoma, visited the National stock yards of St. Louis a few days ago on a peculiar mission. Hunter claims, says a local exchange, that he came to East St. Louis for the purpose of looking up a certain small cow which he sold in a general consignment from his place about two weeks ago. He claims that his young daughter reared the little calf from a calf and became very much attached to the animal. Hunter had an opportunity to sell the whole herd of stock on his place, and did so. The little cow, which was the pet of his daughter, was among the lot and was driven off to the train. The next day he informed his family that he had sold all his stock and it seems at that very instant the little girl became quite sick and cried for the return of her pet. The physicians of the neighborhood told Hunter that her mind might be eased somewhat if the animal was returned. Hunter decided to gratify the girl's desires. He telegraphed to friends at the yards asking about the cattle, and was informed that they had not yet arrived. He then boarded a train and came on. So far he has failed to locate the animal.

Stock raisers among our farmer readers may be interested in learning that, according to information sent to the state department by the consul at Mainz, a simple preventive against the hoof and mouth disease, so fatal in its effects among cattle, is reported to have been discovered by a scientific investigator of the disease. It is said that if well-boiled milk