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CHAIRMAN BOYLE'S SUCCESSOR.

While the Democracy of Cambria County greatly regrets the retirement of M. J. Boyle as County Chairman, there is general satisfaction in the choice of his successor. A more fortunate selection than that made could hardly have been hit upon.

Dr. P. J. Kelly, of Altoona, the new county chairman, is one of the leading physicians in northern Cambria. He enjoys a wide and deserved popularity. He is active, alert, keenly interested in public affairs, possessed of much more than an ordinary stock of information and with a spirit of liberalism that fits him in a peculiar manner for the work to which he has been called.

Mr. Boyle has served the party as its chairman for a number of years with a zest which few of his predecessors had equaled and none had surpassed. It is no light job to direct the affairs of a minority party. The difficulties of such a position are imperfectly understood or are not understood at all by many. But M. J. Boyle went at his task undismayed by the forces against which he had to contend and we believe him entitled to very high credit for the work he had to do.

Democrats part with his indefatigable services with genuine regret, but they are prepared to follow the leadership of the new county chairman with the same confidence they reposed in his predecessor. They are fully alive to the opportunity before them, and we believe that Dr. Kelly will find them ready to respond to his call and to co-operate with him loyally and in genuine earnest. We bespeak for him the same zeal on the part of the Democratic rank and file which was accorded to Mr. Boyle during his long incumbency of the office.

THE CAMBRIA COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

The Cambria county court house is a mighty fine building. It surely ought to be. It has taken years to complete it. Many buildings of much greater dimension, and equally as fastidious, have been constructed in a fraction of the time.

The Cambria County Court House has been a political base ball ever since it's early remodeling. It seems that no one in particular wants to assume the blame. Since long before the war some controversy or other has kept the "Gordon Wings" in constant view before the public. Now a suit against the county for an additional claim of six round figures means more publicity, more comment, and more "explaining."

The Cambria County Court House is a fine Building. It surely should be. We've heard more about it than any other fifty buildings that were ever constructed in this county.

HELPING THE SCHOOLS.

The state treasurer has just sent out checks to the fourth class school districts of the state for something over \$5,000,000. This money is intended as a contribution to the salary of teachers.

Of this sum Cambria County received \$186,255.17, and ranked as second in the state. Patton borough's share amounted to \$7,611.84.

State Treasurer Lewis calls attention to the gratifying fact that these checks were mailed on the first day of August for the first time in the history of the Commonwealth. The law provides that they shall be sent during the month of August.

This addition to the income of each district from taxation will prove of considerable service to the schools of the boroughs and townships. The state treasurer deserves credit for the sending of the money at this time, so that it may be on hand when the first month of the coming term ends.

In spite of all the criticism Governor Pinchot is given in many localities, there is some reason to believe that he is entitled to considerable credit for the present excellent condition of the state treasury. It will be remembered that he had something of a controversy with the directors of legislative affairs just before the close of the session.

HIPPLE'S CAVE.

You Patton motorists who are wont to hunt pleasure trips on a Sunday should visit Hipple's Cave. Fifty miles on your speedometer from Patton, by the way of Duncansville, will take you there. The cave is near the main road leading from Roaring Springs to Loysburg, and is about 13 miles from Roaring Springs.

Few folks in Patton and the north of the county even know of the existence of Hipple's Cave. It is a rock formation and beauty are equal to those of any cavern in the state. Unlike Penn's Cave, it is electrically lighted and one explores it on foot. An underground stream runs through it, it is true, but the visitors travel on pathways along its side, and across small bridges.

The cave is one-half mile long. Spacious rooms, and narrow passageways alike, greet you all along the journey. A pleasant little park adjoins the entrance, and tables are provided for the picnickers free of charge. Hipple's Cave is worth a visit. The writer was there last Sunday, and he'll guarantee it.

A LAW THAT IS LAX.

Selling of cigarettes to minors is an offense against laws providing for the protection of health, nevertheless there appears to be a widespread lack of the observance of such laws, says the Altoona Tribune. The statement is true. Lads may be seen in many parts of Patton smoking cigarettes. Yet, this pernicious habit has a very devastating effect upon the health and morals of small boys. If such a condition were not true there would be no law against the selling of cigarettes to minors. Such a law being on the statute books, it should be obeyed. Merchants who desire to enhance their own coffers by selling to minors, or other persons who may be of proper age and buy cigarettes and give to boys who under the law are not entitled to receive them, should be dealt with according to law.

Good roads are really only appreciated when you are accustomed to them, and suddenly find yourself out on a dirt road in a hard rain. Which is only one reason why we should all be boosters for the early construction of the remaining two miles of road between Patton and Altoona, that still of the dirt variety.

The Spangler Hospital is a much needed institution in the north of the county. Yet its directors find themselves financially embarrassed due to broken pledges made a few years ago by many of us in the north county section. Pay up. It's the manly thing to do.

Don't forget to boost for a Labor Day Celebration for Patton. The time is getting short.

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

FARMER SHOULD LEARN. ONE KILLED, IT PAYS. THE BEATER IS BEATEN. TO THE LAST MAN.

Rubber jumped to 80 cents. That made everybody gasp. Then it went to \$1. Now it has reached \$1.12. That is because His Majesty's British subjects, who control the rubber market, know how to manage prices.

American farmers see crops prices dropping, and they are always uncertain. That is because farmers who COULD control the price of food have no efficient organization. They have something to learn from the Rubber Trust, and a few other trusts.

At Johns Hopkins University Baltimore's magnificent seat of learning, the able scientists report progress in the preparation of insulin, the remedy for diabetes discovered by young doctors in Canada.

The insulin diminishes the amount of sugar in the blood, thus curing diabetes. From insulin, as used hitherto, Johns Hopkins scientists have eliminated various chemical elements. One remaining is called "Fraction 12." This highly concentrated insulin, injected into the blood of a rabbit, reduced the sugar in its blood from 118 millimeters per cubic centimeter to 39 within one hour.

The sentimentalist who thinks it a shame to experiment with live rabbits would change his mind if he had a father or mother dying of diabetes.

Robert Shroyer, twenty-eight, beat his wife in Frederick County, Maryland. Shroyer was tied to the whipper post.

Don blacksnake whip." The wife beater deserved the ten lashes and ten thousand.

But it is the first time in a long time that a white man has been officially whipped in Maryland. Did it really do any good?

The man, for some reason, decides to beat his wife and does so.

The people of a great State, for some reason, decide to beat the man and they do so.

What's the difference? Why not make the man work for his wife about six months, instead of letting a great State imitate a wife-beater?

Bricklayers fight masons, union against union. There ought to be arbitration, for the sake of working people.

The bricklayers and plasterers might ask themselves this question: "Suppose presidents of railroads quarrelling among themselves, should shut down their railroads and refuse to carry passengers. How long would the public stand it?"

Railroad presidents are too intelligent for that sort of nonsense. If they were fighting among themselves, they would keep it to themselves. That is why they are railroad presidents.

Thirty-four Minnesota volunteers in the Civil War formed a "Last Man's Club." The club has just held its fortieth annual reunion. Four are living, one too ill to attend. One of the three present was unable to stand, so they drank to the last man sitting.

One of these days there actually will be on this earth some last man, woman, or last child. For in time this world must die. Science and the Bible teach it.

What kind of creature will that last human be? What shape, what language? How much will he or she know?

Will the human race, having moved up to the highest possible point, gradually go back to barbarism at the end, as the individual in extreme old age goes back to childhood?

Will the last man know how to talk to the other planets, and will he know just what is going to happen to him after he dies, or will he be like our people, still wondering, with only faith to comfort him, and save him from evil thoughts?

BIDS WANTED. Sealed bids will be received until August 14, 1925, by the Patton borough school district for the furnishing and delivery of bituminous coal for the first and second ward school buildings in Patton borough for the term of 1925-1926. The mine from which the coal will be furnished must be stipulated. The board will receive bids at the same time for the furnishing and delivery of kindling wood for the 1925-1926 term for the two above buildings. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

F. L. BROWN, Secretary, Patton, Pa.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estate of Thomas Nagle, deceased, late of Clearfield Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration in the matter of said decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims against the same will make them known without delay to

FERDINAND NAGLE, Executor, R. D. 1, Patton, Pa.

LOUIS NAGLE, Administrator, Patton, Pa.

SUES COUNTY FOR 400,000

Plaintiff's Statement of Claim Served on Present Board of Commissioners.

SUED BY W. H. FISSELL.

Members of the present Board of County Commissioners were served today with the plaintiff's statement of claim in the suit instituted in the District Court of Allegheny County by William H. Fissell, of New York City, to recover \$400,000 from the County of Cambria, damages he alleges to have sustained through the fault of the county's agents, on the rebuilding of the Cambria County Courthouse.

The renovated Courthouse, according to the terms of the contract, was to have been completed on or before December 1, 1917, but it is charged that through the negligence of some of the agents of the county, James Kelly, the contractor, was prevented from being finished until May 9, 1923.

The members of the Board of County Commissioners entering into the contract with Fissell were T. Stanton Davis, E. W. Hammarstrom and Harry B. Heffley, the two last named having since died. The successful bid for the contract, at a cost of \$394,882, was submitted by the plaintiff to the then County Controller George M. Wertz, February 23, 1916, and the contract entered into with the County Commissioners, and approved by President Judge M. B. Neppen and Judge Francis J. O'Connor, with the delay charged against the architect and Commissioners are set forth in details in the voluminous statement filed by the plaintiff, and are also given in general as follows:

The contract of the said County Commissioners, architect and duly authorized agents of the said County of Cambria herein complained of is that they failed to approve promptly after delivery of the same by said William H. Fissell to the said architect.

"The giving of notice to the said William H. Fissell to suspend operations because of contemplated changes in the manner of doing the work and in the extent of the alterations and additions to be made, and in the nature, quality and quantity of the materials to be used therein, and then failing to come to a prompt decision in respect to the changes contemplated, thereby delaying the said William H. Fissell in the manner and to the extent hereafter more fully and in details set forth.

"Failure to act promptly in coming to a decision on matters of general construction.

"Failure to approve drawings in due time.

"These alleged delays, in themselves causing the plaintiff great loss of volume and additional expense, are said by the statement to have been further complicated by the entrance of the United States into the World War, causing the advance of prices of labor and material to increase "by leaps and bounds." Because of the World War the plaintiff claims that he was unable to enter into sub-contracts at so low a figure as he would have been able to had the delays not occurred, and he was not able in many instances to obtain materials at any price.

It is further charged that because of the alleged delays the plaintiff "was not able to complete the work in accordance with the terms of the original contract and lost the benefit of contracts with his sub-contractors, who either failed and refused to comply with their contracts as originally made and he was compelled to pay large amounts for the sub-contractors. A large number of other alleged expenses incident to the materials used in the building were made by the architect and Commissioners after the contract had been entered into. It is charged by the plaintiff that these changes not only put the plaintiff to extra expense, the state ments says, but after notice has been given him in numerous instances of contemplated changes there were further delays in the authorization of the expenditures from the contract.

The most serious of these alleged changes from the original plans was a change in the central portion of the building by removing the old tower and making other alterations. This was authorized but some time after the alleged authorization, it is declared, the County Commissioners decided to go back to the original plans.

In the meantime, however, it is asserted, changes were necessitated in the plaster work, heating, floor levels, openings, doors and all other connected with that part of the building.


It is declared that there was no definite decision for the plan on the central portion of the building from September 11, 1916, until July 6, 1921. After the contract was entered into the statement says that a change was made in the electrical current furnished the building from direct alternating instead of direct current, entered August 1, 1916, by the County Commissioners, but not until

For Sheriff To the Voters of Cambria County

THE UNDERSIGNED SHERIFF AND EX-SHERIFFS OF CAMBRIA COUNTY NOTE WITH PLEASURE THAT WILLIAM PIPER HAS ANNOUNCED HIMSELF AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF OF THIS COUNTY.

MR. PIPER HAS SERVED AS DEPUTY SHERIFF UNDER US, AND WE GLADLY ATTEST HIS EFFICIENCY, FIDELITY AND ABILITY AS SHOWN IN THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES INCIDENT TO THAT OFFICE.

HIS LOYAL AND FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE COUNTY, AT SMALL SALARY, DURING THESE MANY YEARS, STRONGLY BESPEAKS FOR MR. PIPER A WELL EARNED PROMOTION.



WILLIAM PIPER
REPUBLICAN

Logan M. Keller, Sheriff
Webster Griffith, Ex-Sheriff
Elmer E. Davis, Ex-Sheriff
W. E. Mulhollen, Ex-Sheriff
Roscoe C. Custer, Ex-Sheriff

make the change into motor, until February 5, 1922. Changing from his stone work, as called for by the contract to cut stone ashlar. The change was not made.

By the terms of the said contract the statement says samples were submitted for all the materials to be used and in and about the completion and fulfilling of said contract and it was expressly provided that the contractor should deliver no materials until the same have been approved by the architect in the manner stipulated or immediately moved to rejected, even if installed, if so directed.

The statement recites 25 instances of the submission of samples, following:

September 16, 1916, according to the statement, the plaintiff was ordered not to proceed with immediate construction, there being in contemplation a change to sand stone. The County Commissioners took action to substitute but sometime later it was decided such a contract will be illegal and the original plan was asserted. The decision to proceed the sandstone contract was not made until July 25, 1917. Fissell being unable in the meantime to go on with the masonry work.

A delay of a month was caused in September of 1916, the statement

of delays ranging from a week to more than a year. The items include delays in practically all the important materials of the building.

In addition to the damages alleged to have been sustained through these delays, alterations and interferences, the plaintiff claims, in the total of the amount sought, interest from April 24, 1923 to February 5, 1924 on \$60,190.79. This amount according to the amount of the contract was to be retained until completion of the building. Fissell says he made demand for the money April 24, 1923 but payment was with held until February 1924 when it was made by the present board of county commissioners who had just taken office.

Grand Theatre Patton

PROGRAMME

TONIGHT (THURSDAY) A big special

Inez in Hollywood

Featuring Anna Q. Nilsson, Lewis Stone, and Mary Oster (considered the screen's prettiest star.) Showing with Fox News Reel.

FRIDAY NIGHT OF THIS WEEK.

The Measure of a Man

Featuring William Desmond, and one of the screen's greatest of comedies, "Our Gang" in "Commencement Days."

SATURDAY NIGHT OF THIS WEEK

Love's Wilderness

Guaranteed attraction. First National Pictures Present Corinne Griffith, in the best picture she has ever made. Also Jas. Aubrey in "Helping Hand" and Fables Comedy.

MONDAY NIGHT OF NEXT WEEK.

Folly of Vanity

A Fox Drama of Merit. Showing with "DON'T WORRY," Comedy

TUESDAY NIGHT OF NEXT WEEK

Christine of Hungry Heart

Showing with a comedy, "NOBODY WORKS BUT FATHER."

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OF NEXT WEEK

Western Wollop

A picture that is full of action and pep, and one you'll enjoy. Showing with "SHANGHAI LOVERS," good two reel comedy.

COMING, AUG. 13, Richard Barthelmess in "NEW TOYS."