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WHY DIDN'T THE PEOPLE DO THAT JOB BEFORE.
 We quote a portion of an editorial published in last Friday's Johnstown Saylor-Walker-Steur-etc. apologist:

"There is just one way to prevent any future attempt to select candidates on the basis of their choice for County Chairman; just one way to put the choice of county chairman in the hands of all the Republican voters; and just one way to relieve candidates for office of an unfair burden. That way is to call a meeting of the Republican Committee of the county and amend the party rules. At the present time the rules provide that the party nominees meet and elect the county chairman. The number of nominees usually averages about seven; this year there are but five.
 "In the large majorities of the counties of Pennsylvania, the county chairman is elected at the primary election along with the party nominees. The county chairman is thus selected by the majority of the party electors who take enough interest to vote. We believe the committee throughout the county will co-operate and approve such a meeting being called before the spring primaries next year, when a county chairman can be elected by the voters."
 The Tribune scents Homer George's election, and it afraid he may not vote for some "favored" candidate of theirs, hence the great "reform" talk. But from the Johnstown Democrat, we glean this in Saturday morning's issue:
 "Casti medal the Johnstown Tribune, which talks about electing a county chairman by direct vote of the people and forgets to mention the fact that Homer George proposed that move long ago, only to have his suggestion sidetracked by the very men who now propose the plan."
 It all depends on "whose ox is gored," we suppose. In the face of danger one rushes to the most convenient point of safety.

WHO ACTED FIRST?
 The Ebensburg "Mountaineer-Herald" than which there is no better county newspaper, last week printed the following editorial, and we presume it is aimed at the Courier and the Johnstown Tribune.
 "The editors of two Republican newspapers, who seem to think they are better qualified to select the nominee for Sheriff than the voters of the party, should get their heads together, as one is 'for' a candidate and the other is for his opponent and each gives his petty reasons. They can't both be right.
 Friendship for the one candidate, Bro. Wait, prompted us to espouse his cause, AFTER the Johnstown Tribune had assailed him. Sitting 'on the fence' and letting the biggest newspaper in the county hammer at a boniface candidate isn't quite fair, either."
 We hand the bouquet to the Nanly-Glo Journal, who, in commenting on the contest for the Republican nomination for Sheriff, has brought up the old-time slogan, "Let George Do It."

POLITICAL NOTICE.
 The undersigned wishes to announce his candidacy for the nomination of Director of the Poor, subject to the decision of the Republican Primaries in September. Your support will be appreciated.
 JOHN L. EVANS,
 Ebensburg, Pa.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
 In the Estate of Michael Kruse, late of Chest Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration in the Estate 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 or demands against the same will make them known without delay to
 The First National Bank of Patton, Pa.,
 Administrator.
 Patton, Pa.
 Reuel Somerville, Attorney.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE.
 Ebensburg, Pa., August 28, 1929.
 SEALED BIDS: Up until 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, September 18th, 1929, sealed bids will be received at the office of the County Controller for the furnishing of One (1) Automobile, delivered f. o. b. Ebensburg, Pa., for the use of the Chief County Detective. For further information inquire at Commissioner's office, Ebensburg, Pa.
 The right is reserved by the County Commissioners to reject any or all bids.
 Envelopes containing bids should be plainly marked "CAR FOR COUNTY DETECTIVE".
 HENRY L. CANNON,
 County Controller.

Vote for Homer George

Homer C. George, of South Fork, at present one of the Republican Commissioners of Cambria County, is one of the candidates for the party's nomination for Sheriff at the primaries to be held next Tuesday, September 17th, and his candidacy is one which all THINKING Republicans should support.

Although one of the majority county commissioners, and the commissioner who led the present board in vote-getting at the general election, he has been literally "hog-tied" from action in the affairs of the commissioners' office by an "unholy" combine of the other Republican commissioner and the Democratic member, who form a majority, and have been running things fairly well to suit themselves—restricted, happily, by the County Controller, Henry L. Cannon, when occasion demands.

Homer C. George is too good a man to Cambria county to be "ditched" by a "combination" that both Republican and Democratic voters should deplore. Through the bi-partisan combine of Messrs. Walker and Cavanaugh he is actually the "minority" commissioner, even though the voters of Cambria county showed a VERY DECIDED preference for him at the election.

The Courier feels that Commissioner George's occupancy in the Commissioner's office, under the present obnoxious conditions, is an injustice to both Mr. George and to the voters who placed him in that office with so great a margin over his colleagues.

In a sense it is robbing the people of direct representation in the working of the county's business by "side-tracking" the man they judged best to handle it.

Homer C. George acted wisely, both for his own and the people's benefit when he tossed his hat into the Sheriff's ring, but his reception from the Johnstown Tribune, allegedly a Republican newspaper, was cold, indeed, but it must be remembered that the President of the Board of County Commissioner is an official of the Johnstown Tribune.

True, he will not suit some of the powers that be in Cambria county, and they will make a strong effort to defeat him. Happily, Mr. George has proved himself a real vote getter in the past, and he will not be found an easy candidate to "sidetrack" when the voters have their say.

GEORGE THE LOGICAL REPUBLICAN

Homer C. George offers the best material that the Republican party of Cambria County can possibly place before the general public as a candidate. He is too able, too economical, and too practical a man to be forced to waste his time in the Commissioner's office, where his one vote is cancelled by two others.

Mr. George is of the cut, calibre and stripe that will make a Sheriff well worthy of the great industrial county he will represent, if elected. The Sheriff's job is a big one and its take a "big" man to handle it, if it is not to be used to material advantage (as perhaps has happened in the past) by a small clique of newspaper owning politicians. Mr. George fills every qualification that can be asked for.

Homer C. George didn't enter the Sheriff contest without careful consideration. Pressure brought to bear by his many thousands of friends and well wishers in the county, finally caused him to take the plunge. No one—especially a man of Mr. George's intelligence—could but feel the embarrassment he is subject to under the present state of affairs. Surely the great majority of the voters of the county don't want him in this position. They have had proof sufficient, indeed, of what regard a bi-partisan pair have for the man they were most desirous of placing in office. They have seen his Republican running-mate combine with a Democrat, to the subterfuge of their own party interest—the Commissioner's office acts solely by the mandates of the two men who, of the three, the people displayed the lesser desire for at the polls. The Democratic party has just as much power in the commissioner's office (perhaps more so) as the Republicans have. It doesn't have the attitude of a square deal.

Now the very same elements that have sidetracked Mr. George in his present official capacity certainly will have no tendency to help him become Sheriff. The fact of the matter is that they would much rather have him where he is. As a Sheriff he would be much too powerful to suit the scheme of things as they see it, even though the taxpayers don't see things that way. The present wing of the Republican organization that still dominates the Sheriff's office will not give up without a fight. They have a bitter pill to swallow daily because of the inquiring habits of a County Controller that really "controls" and thwarts many of the moves that the anti-George clique endeavor to "put across," at the ultimate unnecessary expense of the taxpayers. They have no desire to lose a "financial" interest in the Sheriff's office—the office of plenty—the office that peddles patronage—to a few.

Let's have a Sheriff that Cambria County can well be proud of. A man who is fair and honest, able, capable and in every way above reproach. With nothing to say against the qualifications of his opponents, one of whom is supported by the Johnstown Tribune to continue the present situation, nevertheless, to our mind, Homer C. George, of South Fork, above all others, is entitled to have a chance to show his character in the Sheriff's office. He is entitled to be given the chance the voter's intended that he should have when they swept him into the Commissioners' office by such magnificent majorities at both the Republican primaries and the general election—a time you will no doubt remember, that the President of the Board of Commissioners (through the graces of his Democratic colleague) merely got by the primaries by the "skin of his teeth."

All the hullabaloo about state administration candidates in the county as set forth by enemies of Mr. George lacks sincerity in the extreme—it is nothing less than campaign talk by parties who recognize his tremendous strength. Mr. George is particularly and expressly opposed by the Johnstown Tribune, who apparently is for Mr. Saylor only, and their yell is that Mr. George is a "hand picked" candidate. Later in the campaign it has followed the trend that the county chairman, to be elected by the various nominees, is the issue on which they are opposing George. The truth of the matter is that the Johnstown Tribune isn't thinking much about the county chairman, or who is chosen, so long as Mr. George is defeated.

When the Tribune is splurging about party regularity in Cam-

bria county and that this county should pick its own candidates, it leaves a bad taste in one's mouth when we think of the fact that Mr. Walker is one Republican who has been responsible for a great deal of county patronage in the way of lucrative jobs going to Democrats through his coalition with teh Democratic commissioner, W. J. Cavanaugh, and that Mr. George, who is the only REAL Republican in the Commissioners' office, is powerful to thwart this unholy alliance. Walker, who means just the Johnstown Tribune and its viewpoint in this contest, has proved anything but a good Republican. The major interests that are behind Saylor are the Walker interests—and surely all Republican voters are tired of bi-partisan Republicans. It is true that no one has attacked the qualifications of Mr. Saylor. No one needs to—the company he is keeping is sufficient.

Everything was "fine as silk" in the Johnstown Tribune's section of the camp, insofar as the nomination for Sheriff was concerned, until Homer C. George entered the contest. If there is one Republican in Cambria county who is hard to defeat at a nomination or an election, that man is George. The Walker-Tribune crowd evidently didn't look for this move by Mr. George. Through the co-operation of Mr. Cavanaugh, the minority commissioner, they have been able to control the commissioners' office, even though Mr. George was by far the preferential candidate at both the primaries and election two years ago. They can't help but know that the rank and file of the Republican party in Cambria county resent this, and that this resentment may be avenged in a concrete way with ballots on primary day. Mr. Saylor—a very good man, no doubt—evidently has been unfortunate enough to land in extremely bad company, from a Republican political standpoint.

Homer C. George was born at Summerhill, Cambria county. Since childhood he has lived at South Fork. Mr. George attended the public schools, graduated from the South Fork High School in 1899, and later took up and finished a business course.

Homer C. George early engaged in work. He went into business at South Fork. He has made a success. He has the confidence of all classes. The people who know him like him and believe in him. 1917-18 Homer C. George was one of the leaders in all the war activities; headed the Red Cross, War chest and liberty loan drives. Although married and the father of two children, Mr. George DID NOT SEEK EXEMPTION from any service. In 1918 he volunteered his services, was accepted, and served seven months over seas.

Homer C. George is trained in public service. He has served on the South Fork School Board, was its president, and has always been interested in, and has worked not only for the best interests of his Community, but likewise for Cambria county.

The people of Cambria County know that as County Commissioner Homer C. George has shown a willingness to do his full duty in that office; that an unnatural and selfish combination was formed which denied to Mr. George the opportunity of asserting himself and safeguarding the best interests of the tax payers of Cambria County. The unnecessary creation of offices and the expenditure of large sums of money over his protest is evidence that Mr. George did and does have proper regard for the interest of the taxpayers of this county.

Homer C. George is only five feet, eleven and one-half inches in height; weighs about one hundred and sixty pounds, and is forty-six years of age. However, the people of Cambria county do not expect a sheriff to operate his office on his good looks and muscular ability. Rather they are looking for a man who will regard the laws of his country and state—one who will conduct the affairs of the sheriff's office, honorably, legally and intelligently.

In closing, we quote the following from a recent issue of the Philadelphia Inquirer, who is viewing Cambria county political affairs from the sidelines:

"Mr. George is known as one of the best vote getters in Cambria county. He has gained many friends through his opposition to the bi-partisan coalition now in control of the county commissioners' office. This coalition has resulted in a number of Democrats being given lucrative county jobs despite the fact that the Republicans nominally have a majority on the board. Another thing that is helping George is his stand for an economic administration in the commissioners' office."

The very spirit with which the Republicans of Cambria county should cherish the doctrines of their party. The spirit that they gave at the primaries two years ago in placing Homer George as their most desirable aspirant, should prompt them without hesitation to show their disapproval of bi-partisan political alliances that made a renegade of the weaker of the two Republican commissioners elected, by VOTING FOR HOMER C. GEORGE on Primary Day as their choice for SHERIFF OF CAMBRIA COUNTY.

In the Judicial Contest

Last minute activities in campaign for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Cambria county have proved to be lively, indeed. This additional judicial position was created by the last session of the Legislature and signed by Governor Fisher, who immediately appointed Frank P. Barnhart, a prominent Johnstown Lawyer, to serve in that capacity from the time of the appointment, until the end of the year, at which time the duly elected Judge, chosen by the voters, will take the oath of office.

At the Republican primaries, besides Judge Barnhart, District Attorney D. P. Weimer and United States Commissioner Ray Patton Smith, are also contenders.

Shortly after Judge Barnhart's appointment certain opposition to him questioned the right he had to holding the office by filing a petition with the attorney general of the state to join in a proceeding to have Judge Barnhart unqualified. The Attorney General declined to permit the use of the Commonwealth to allow his political enemies to start proceedings to test the Judge's eligibility for the judiciary, and later the case was also thrown out of the Dauphin county courts.

It is the sense of the writer that the proceedings against Judge Barnhart were entirely for political effect. Persons entirely familiar with the case, and those who have read Judge Barnhart's published statement regarding the issue, even though they are opposed to Judge Barnhart, will have to admit that the case against

him amounts to absolutely nothing. A complete investigation of this case but brings out facts that Judge Barnhart done only what was honorable, and even much more than many men would have done under like circumstances.

It is our sense that Judge Barnhart's enemies have endeavored to make a mountain out of a very small mole hill. It was only just that the move was a failure. Judge Barnhart has twenty-four years of active practice in the courts of Cambria county behind as his record. He has been an exceptionally successful attorney learned in the law. He has been a life-long resident of Cambria county. His record is open for inspection and will bear the closest scrutiny. The effort that recently failed by the jurist's political enemies was to have his name withheld from the ballot. In the main, the attack against Judge Barnhart, regardless of source, was both unjust and unpersonsmanlike. The chances are, however, that the reaction that has followed, has been for the Judge's benefit.

Back of it all, of course, is nothing but the political effect the action against him will have on the voters Judge Barnhart now sits as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County, and he is every inch a Judge, from every standpoint that dignifies his position. That attempted restraint should have been made by political enemies, questioning his right to be on the bench, to all right-minded voters should be obnoxious, and should rally them to the support of Judge Barnhart.

His announced platform is "The Oath of Office." He states that incorporated in that oath are the fundamental principles of our government. It means the upholding of the United States and the constitution of this Commonwealth; it means obedience to our election laws, and it means a faithful performance of the duties of the office. He states that he is free from alliance with any group or faction, and will take the oath of office and perform the duties thereof conscientiously, according to the strict interpretation of that OATH.

Weigh the candidates carefully, Republicans. You'll find that Judge Barnhart stands "ace high." Vote for him.

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